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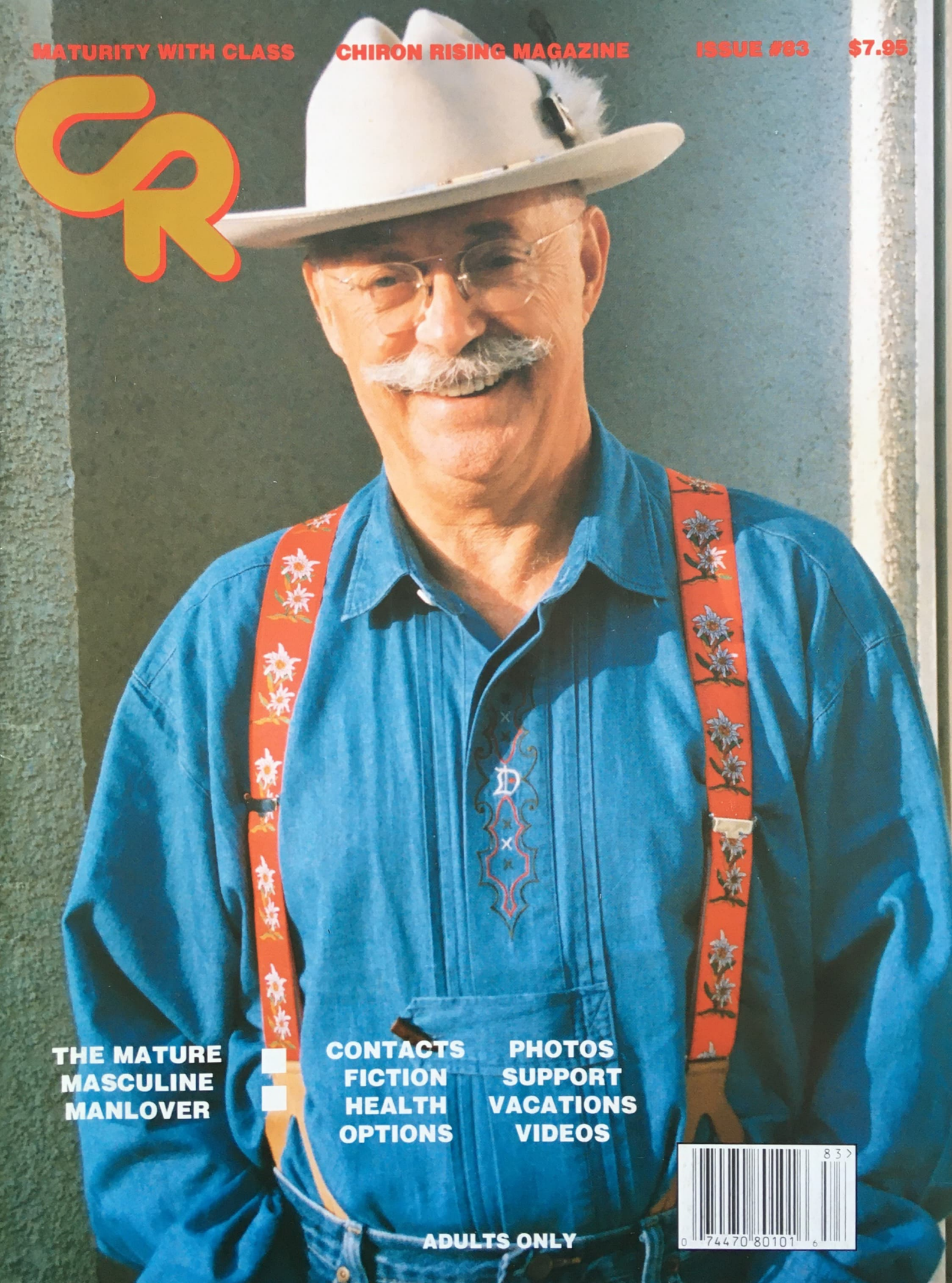

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MODELS

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PAGE 2 - **GEORGE OF HOLLAND**: 58, 1.70m, 90 kg, The Netherlands, in an open relationship. Likes swimming, nudity, beach. Looking for nonsmoking, clean-shaven men, 30 to 45.

PAGE 11 - **BIG MAC**: 69, Palm Springs, in an open relationship with CR model, DENNY. He's a CR icon like THE COLONEL and PAPA BEAR. He's one of the sweetest Big Daddies ever.

PAGE 12 - **DADDY BEN**: 74, 5'-8", 150#, San Diego, single. Likes leather, nudity, outdoors, radical faeries. Looking for a man's man.

PAGE 14 - **DESERT STORM**: 60, 6 ft., 255#, Palm Springs, in a closed relationship. Likes young professionals, Guppies. Looking only for friends and admirers.

PAGE 15 - **TRIM SANTA**: 57, 6'-2", 187#, Florida, single. Likes gray hair and foreskin.

PAGE 20 -**BRAZIL VAL**: 43, 5'-3", 120#, Philadelphia, in a relationship. Likes table pool. Looking only for friendships with mature men. Originally from Brazil.

PAGE 21 -**BARNEY**: 36, 6 ft., 185#, San Francisco, in an open relationship. Likes older men, golf, music, theater, having fun in the sun. Looking for older men, 55+, who enjoy the company of a younger Southern Gentleman.

PAGE 23 - **ROSEY**: 68, 5'-7", 170#, Charlotte, single. Likes classic movies, music, art, fine dining. Looking for 25-50 or so, in fairly good shape, masculine.

PAGE 25 - **JIM OF CHICAGO**: (See page 27 bio)

PAGE 26 - **TORRES**: 49, 5'-10", 164#, Southeast Spain, in an open relationship. Likes art, sculpture, folk music/dance, nudism. Looking for masculine men over 35 for correspondence, photo exchange, possible visits.

PAGE 27 - **CARLOS & JAMES**: 34 and 64; 5'-2" and 5'-11"; 145# and 190#; seriously devoted, open relationship; Mexico and Indiana. Like travel, theater, music, books, friendship. Write direct: J.M.-C.B., P.O. Box 10234, Terre Haute, IN 47801-0234. **WOLFSHADOW & MIKE**: 47/73, 5'-7"/5'-6", 180#/132#, Santa Barbara, in a closed relationship. Like gardening, music, exercise, entertaining, beach, auctions, cars, the net. Found each other through CR. **JIM & LARRY**: 33/47, 6'-1"/5'-11"/200/198, Chicago, in an open relationship. Jim likes creative, experienced, versatile, self-secure, uninhibited daddy bears of color. Larry likes mature men and leather, friends. **DIOGENES & GUITARMAN**: Florida, in a closed relationship. Likes CR Gatherings. Looking for CR friends.

PAGE 28 - **SQUIRREL**: 35, 5'-8", 154#, France, single. Likes traveling, music, movies, sea, sex and sun. Looking for mature men over 55, stocky, well-padded, grey or brown.

PAGE 29 - **SACRAMENTO BEAR**: 51, 5'-10", 240#, Sacramento, single. Likes travel, cooking, movies, music, animals, cuddling, sex, monogamy. Looking for husky/stocky/chubby top guys for friendship and possible long-term relationship. **COMPANION**: 41, 5'-11", 180#, Midwest, single. Likes all the finer things in life, especially international travel. Looking for long-term relationship with a classy gentleman, 55+. **CHRIS OF ENGLAND**: 41, 5'-11", 11-10, England, single. Likes tennis, soccer, cinema, music, squash, fishing. Looking for over 50, clean-shaven (Anthony Hopkins, George Grizzard, Robert Vaughn look-alikes). **TYRONE**: 70, 6 ft., 225#, Fresno, single. No other information offered.

PAGE 30: **RUPERT OF BALTIMORE**: 55, 5'-8", 245#, Baltimore, single. Likes auctions, antiques, flea markets, movies, reading, music. Looking for Mike Deveau clone. **OUTSPAN**: 78, 5'-8", 165#, Gold Coast of Australia, single. Likes honesty, art, music, theatre, movies, good food, humour, travel, beach, and all outdoor activities. Looking for international travel mate/reciprocal hospitality, age 50-80, nonsmoking, proportioned build, clean-shaven/trim beard, possible relationship. Photo. **RAYMONDO**: 50, 5'-8", 200#, Bournemouth, England, in a relationship with CR cover model, THE ENGLISH SQUIRE. Likes sports, astronomy, animals, pen-pals. Looking for short, active, clean-shaven friends, over 55.

PAGE 31: **CAMAN**: 61, 5'-10", 155#, Oklahoma, single. Likes computers, hiking, swimming. Looking for long-term relationship with GWM, 30 to 45. **BLACK'S MAGIC**: 33, 5'-6", 160#, Tampa, single. Likes computers, music, movies, sports, sailing, and nudity. Looking for men 50 or older with similar interests for friendship and more. **WANDERER**: 35, 5'-8", 175, Connecticut, in an open relationship. E-mail: CRWanderer@aol.com **ARCIE**: 67, 6 ft., 225#, Texas, single. Looking for correspondence with men of all ages, especially 21-50.

PAGE 32 - **MICHIGAN MONTE**: (66, 5'-8", 210#, Michigan/Florida, single. Likes cooking, gardening, swimming, classical music, classic cars. Looking for slim, nonsmoker, light drinker, 35 to 55, who likes to cuddle and kiss and is relationship-oriented. **JERRY EM**: 75, 5'-3", 200#, Northern California, single. Likes gardening, traveling, and theatre. Looking for good friendly people.

PAGE 33 - **BICOASTAL BUBBA & CHA-WA-WA**: 56/72, 6 ft./5'-4", 220#/150#, Palm Springs/Florida, in a closed relationship. Looking for good friends. **ERNIE & SHAMROCK**: 72/72, 5'-4"/5'-8", 180#/230#, in an open relationship, Fargo, ND. Like good food, music, travel, conversation, history, movies, friends. Looking for short, big-bellied, masculine, mature men, ages 45+ and weight 225+. **CHUCK & BAY AREA TOP**: 53/66, 5'-8"/ 5'-7", 175#/180#, San Francisco, in an open relationship. Chuck likes golf, swimming, and nude bathing. He's looking for anyone interested in golfing, especially those visiting the Bay Area. BAY AREA TOP is looking for young, under 50.

PAGE 34 - **RC & BRIGHT EYES**: 32/54, 5'-10"/5'-11", 175#/165#,

Indianapolis, in a closed relationship. Like Hunting, fishing, movies, cooking, traveling, auto racing, dancing, music, reading. Looking for friends. **HONEYBEAR**: 67, 5'-10", 200#, California, single. No other information available. **DRAGON HEAD**: 58, 5'-7", 250#, Oklahoma, single. Likes Oriental art, cut lead crystal, flowers. Looking for friendships. **FLORIDA JOE**: 67, 5'-7", 165#, Florida, single. Likes nudity, classical music, gay videos, gardening, walking, being an active top. Looking for younger bottoms, someone to share life.

PAGE 35: **CAL**: 59, 5'-11", 185#, Southern California, single. Likes nudism, beach, theatre, travel. Seeks trim, 55-70, for friendship and more.

PAGE 37: **MOUNTAIN BIKER**: 51, 5'-10", 160#, Northeast, in an open relationship with CR cover model TISH. Both like nudism, camping, biking, cooking, sunning in the buff, travel, and meeting people.

PAGE 39 - **LOS GATOS**: 60, 6 ft., 200#, Los Gatos, CA, single. Likes outdoors, hiking, books, gardening, psychology, history. Looking for nurturing, positive intellectual with integrity. **BIG 'N**: 53, 6 ft., 226#, Nashville, in an open relationship. Likes WWII history, trains & railroading, gay videos. Looking for pen-pals, partners for occasional mutual oral sessions. **ATLANTIC CANADA**: Retired, 6 ft., 180#, Atlantic Canada, single. Likes outdoors, art, movies, pro basketball, many other interests. Looking for quality, monogamous relationship with younger who is honest, sincere, affectionate, and caring. **SPHINX**: 69, 5'-10", 190#, Manhattan, in an open relationship. Likes travel, theatre, sports, cooking, reading. Looking for friends and pen-pals, 60+, under 5'-8" a plus.

PAGE 40 - **GRANDIN** 71, 5'-9", 180#, Bronx, NY, single. Likes theatre, chocolate, smoking, men roughly his own age. Looking for friends and fun.

PAGE 41 - **DENVER WAYFARER**: 46, 5'-8", 150#, Denver, single. Likes Philip K. Dick novels, Gurdjieff, old spiritual wrestlers, long walks. Looking for long-term, monogamous relationship with man, 70+.

PAGE 49 - **ALAN FISHER**: 67, 6'-1", 180#, Santa Barbara, single. Likes gardening, home projects, photography, movies. Looking for 35-65, trim, compatible partner.

PAGE 54 - **SPEEDBAC**: 62, 5'-10", 225#, Central California Valley, single. Former pro athlete. Likes golf, trap shooting, horseback riding, sportscar racing, amateur theater. Looking for long-term relationship with SWM, wide interests, age 50-75, Palm Springs and/or southwest U.S.

PAGE 59 - **ENIGMA**: 48, 5'-8", 240#, Western Massachusetts/Florida, single. Looking for friends his age and older. E-mail: Enigm71980@aol.com

BACK COVER - **ARIZONA WAYFARER**: 36, 6 ft., 205#, Phoenix, single. Likes horses, livestock, camping, quality people, outdoors. Looking for friends of all ages and possible long-term relationship with the right older gent.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

MIKE DEVEAU: 43, 5'-10", 220#, Palm Springs, single. He likes to have fun and is looking for other people to have fun with. Destined to photograph every hot mature man in the Palm Springs area.

JOEL: 32, Houston, in an open relationship with CR model THOM. He's always on the lookout for new models and has been known to travel widely just for the perfect shot.

MANNY: 48, 6'-3", 235#, Maryland, single. Looking for a long-term relationship with just the right mature, masculine, husky gentleman, 50+, who is healthy and hairy. Short and stocky men turn him on as well as the big and burly kind. The best cover-quality photographer around.

MICHAEL OF GERMANY: Known more for his many model appearances in CR, Michael makes his photographic debut on the COVER for crissakes. To know him is to either love or lust after him (or both). Think of the most desirable Bavarian hunk to be with during Oktoberfest, and ... now you know.

PHOTOMAN: Late 40s, St. Louis, single. An expert at getting hot, mature men (as well as admirers) to take it all off for the camera. A retired professional photographer who will travel for a good photo shoot. In an exciting new relationship with CR model BARE TOM.

ARTISTS

RAM is a prominent portrait and landscape artist who lives in Illinois and Florida with his partner, Bob. He spends most of his time in horticulture and painting. His peerless erotic works have been exclusively featured for over 10 years in CR and are now on sale to the public. His works will be displayed at the San Diego Gathering.

WRITERS

ALASKA AL is 70, 5'-8", 235#, in an open relationship, and lives in Brazil (just kidding). He likes chubby men, short, uncut, with a sense of humor. Just looking for fun and lots of TLC, not a lover. As in the case of MICHAEL above, ALASKA AL is better known for his modeling, but his writing is pretty hot as well. More to follow.

PATRICK O'CONNOR is a ski instructor in Vermont, where he lives with his ski instructor lover of many years. Patrick's book DON'T LOOK BACK: A MEMOIR has recently been published in paperback and is available from his publisher (401-789-0074). He is presently working on a sequel, to be called SKIING WITH THE GOYIM. His notes from the poetry published in this issue: "Gerontophil (no final "e") means literally love of old, but usually refers to the love of a young man for an older man: see Proust. Post-coital tristesse is the sadness after sex, and Lord and Taylors is the New York department store about which there was once a classic homophobic joke the tag line of which was 'What, banish all the queers from Manhattan and make Lord and Taylors self-service?'"

PUG SNIDER's first published work appeared in the June, 1934, issue of Esquire when he was twenty. "Too busy having fun," he says. "I wrote no more fiction until I was seventy-five. Had there been a Chiron Rising, however, he assures us, "I would have written like a madman." Well he hasn't done too badly. We've bought the rights to around 25 and already published over 20. Oh, yeah, he's 85.

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A SMALL WORLD

I received the latest issue of CR last week and was particularly struck by "News From An Old Friend" in the FORUM. I was deeply moved and saddened at the circumstances this older gentleman has found himself in. Surgery, chemotherapy, side effects, extreme loneliness, and apparently isolation. His message of thanks to you must have been a great comfort to you and he as well. Imagine my surprise when I came home from work one day to find a note in my mailbox from someone in California whose name I did not recognize. I opened the letter to find out it was from LORD CLEVELAND himself! Apparently you had used my gift subscription to allow him to continue receiving your wonderful product. What a thrill for me! He wrote a nice letter of thanks, and included a copy of a short story he had written, "Meeting Mike." My thoughts and prayers are with him daily, and I am thankful for the opportunity afforded me to bring some joy into this man's life. Thank you both for allowing me this chance. I am forever grateful. Hugs, CW/[e-mail]

DADDIES

I just received my December issue. Yum yum, I just adore good looking older men. I read the "want" ads in a local gay newspaper and hate to see guys my age put requests in for younger guys and say they are "daddies." I turn 40 in January. Please don't tell me I am becoming a daddy. Hope you are having a fantastic holiday season. Keep up the great work. I sure do appreciate you! [Initials and location withheld by request]

PLEASING EVERYONE

I haven't had much luck answering your classified ads. I go for the exotic. Tried a Chinese fellow in Thailand, who stopped writing after he found I wasn't about to buy him an expensive videotape. I tried a fellow in Kenya and a fellow in Italy—both said, "Will answer all." Never heard from either one. I enjoy the complaints against your magazine. Ha! People try to blame you for not being IN TOUCH or a FIRSTHAND publication. Or they get angry because one of your advertisers doesn't go for blacks or Orientals. Is that being prejudiced? I don't think so. Each of us has his own thing when it comes to sex. Some of us prefer only blonds. Is that being prejudiced? I think not. But, it only goes to show you: you can't please everybody! My advice: Just keep doing what you're doing! Kinda reminds me of a time, years ago, when I was in a booth in a men's room. The guy in the next booth showed that he was interested in going home with me—but then, he slipped a note under the partition. "How old are you?" At the time, I was 40, and I thought to myself: "Oh-oh!" I wrote back, "I'm 29." He wrote back, "Sorry. I don't go with anyone over 25." You just can't please everyone! M.V.S./Los Angeles

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Ah, the Joyful Season. Doing that fun thing! Renewing my CR subscription. CR is truly rising in quality production throughout: type, the beautiful, tasteful photos, and layout. TOPS! The letters from the FORUM are always interesting, often of great beauty, joy, and sadness—some just plain irritating. Your gracious inclusion of all views displays the patience and high calm intelligence. Disregard the naysayers, sour grapes, etc., whether or not tossed out of hot tubs for conduct unbecoming. L.G./San Antonio ("Mind Your Diets," CR 81) might do well to really peruse CR to enjoy the many slender models gracing its pages. My own preference is for large, beefy men. To quote the immortal bard, "I distrust yon Cassius's lean and hungry look." I highly recommend Richard Klein's book, EAT FAT (Pantheon Books, New York, $24), "a keen cultural dissection of a major American obsession." However, whether fat, lean, or merely in-between, the most important aspects of a man are his character: his honesty/integrity, his love of himself and others, and the qualities of grace, sweet naturedness, kindness, and love. ENTHUSIAST/Chicago

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E.B./Denver (CR82 FORUM - "Disappointed in Denver") is an idiot. Just because a guy is only sexually attracted to a white male doesn't make him a racist. I only want a man. Does this make me a sexist? B.C./Iowa

CARING ABOUT OTHERS

I enjoyed CR82 very much, as seems usual for me. The models I like best are far away; still, I can enjoy their gift of a picture in CR. I found the FORUM quite interesting. I liked in particular the thoughtful letters of TI/Seattle, L.C./No. CA, and PISSED IN PHILLY. All three showed they cared about others, not just themselves, and that makes these people especially valuable members of the CR Family. It seems that such folks make up the majority of this subscriber family that you created from a vision. You have enriched all our lives with a way to reach out to each other, be it as lovers, friends, or helpers of those who are in need of a friendly word of encouragement. It's true that I still haven't discovered "Mr. Right," but I've made some very special friends and have also had the opportunity to offer comfort to CR friends when they were in need and also had their encouragement when things were heavy for me. So the circle is complete. Thank you for creating not just a magazine but also a feeling of connected family. Have a blue sky day. Bob K./Minnesota

MORE ON CLOSED RELATIONSHIPS

I've been a subscriber for over a year now and I have to say that I'm very

happy with each issue I receive. I have even had the pleasure of meeting FURRY DADDY at 2 Hibernations in St. Louis, and we have become very good friends. I enjoy the wonderful photos of the hot men in your magazine and some of the fiction is great. I'm afraid I am going to have to agree with Joe from Issue 82 on the subject of naked men showing off their best and in closed relationships and "just looking for friends." It's disheartening to see a great looking man like VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN TWO and then read that he is just looking for friends. What a let down. If you're just looking for friends, keep your clothes on. It's only fair to those of us who are on the constant search for love or lust. Keep up the great work, guys, and keep those men coming! Barberbear [via e-mail]

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Just wanted you to know that I really enjoy your magazine very much. I am one of those people who really like older men (I haven't found Mr. Right yet), and I agree with Joe: Why show those great hairy bodies if no one can get in touch with them. All they want is friends? (sigh) It's like being in a candy store and your mom says don't touch. And by the way, LAIR BEAR (cover model CR 81) isn't single! Thanks, and keep up the good work. Rob [via e-mail]

LAIR BEAR announced after the photo was published that he had found a younger lover through the internet. He thanks all those who wrote to him in response to the photograph.

GATHERING CODE OF BEHAVIOR

I really don't understand all the fuss over behavior at the Gatherings. If sexually suggestive gestures and passionate kissing are considered unacceptable in gay bars, bath houses, or even video arcades, why would they be considered less so in a hotel ballroom? Duh! San Diego Dreamin' [via e-mail]

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No problem with the revised behavior code for the gatherings. Now ... tell your staff that they should abide by the same rules. The gross sight of two bearded giants—one a prominent staffer—standing in the middle of the dining room, locked in slurpy face for five minutes, ruined my appetite. Small wonder that the poor chap who sat beneath them was upset from all the crumbs falling from the mass of hair into his salad. Civil in Carolina

SO DAMN NICE

Thanks for helping me re-establish communications with WOODY BALDWIN. Over the years I have written several of the models—many who never answered. Two men in particular have always answered and are so damn nice: Woody and EX-LOGGER. They are the two best looking men I have ever seen in CR, and they sell magazines as much with their warmth as with their looks. Do us all a favor and give us more of Woody and Ex-Logger. Mike/North Carolina

MORE FROM THE CATARACT

Thanks for your letter in September. Things change fast; Bob passed away on September 28th. It's been really hard to deal with all of the things going on in my life right now. Luckily, with God's help, and all the support of my family and friends, I'm keeping things together. I don't know much about the Order of the Silver Simba, other than they are survivors or people who help survivors. I wouldn't mind talking to someone about things now. I've had enough time to calm down some. I wasn't sure in the beginning what to say to anyone. I've been told to keep my mouth shut about the estate and not talk to anyone. Well, I've about learned what I can say and what I can't. I'm expecting problems with Bob's family. He left everything to me, and I don't think his uncles and aunts can break the will. Thanks for everything. Maybe I can see you in San Diego. We'll see. E.L./Florida

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Well, I made it through my first holiday alone, but guess what? I'm not alone anymore! I got a Pomeranian puppy from my two lesbian friends, then today, a straight friend came over with a four-foot Iguana by the name of Apollo. Anyone in the market for a confused man with a Pom and a lizard called Apollo? I really do appreciate people like you who really care about me. Love and deepest respect. Rdevil [via e-mail]

HOT JAPANESE VIDEOS

I've heard that CR's own MICHIGAN MONTE is starring in a video produced in Japan. Have you heard of it? If it exists, how could I get hold of it? Ricky/Baltimore

Japanese video production companies are cranking out high quality porn videos faster than they can be played, and many feature older, heavier Americans and Europeans. The one MM is in also features hidden camera footage taken at Haulover Beach and has a title that translates: FLORIDA GIANT COCK STORY. But before you hire a translator and start ordering videos from a recent copy of SAMSON, consider that all genitals are electronically distorted to appease Japanese censors. Still, the video is quite hot, so if any reader wants to obtain it with U.S. funds without the hassle, our Japanese associate in Tokyo will try to get you a copy. Contact: Passport Japan, C.P.O. Box 180, Tokyo 100-91, JAPAN. E-mail: ***postmaster@passport.org***

ADVERTISE, ADVERTISE

I never see advertising for CR in the gay magazines. How do you stay alive? I'm dumbfounded that you can get 1,000 men to attend a convention without any local advertising. Gene R./Miami

We're growing now at a clip we can barely handle. We plan a SanDiego media blitz in March, which might sell us out at 2,000. We want to give all regulars a chance to register first.

HOW MANY ARE WE?

I was surprised to read that the Order of the Silver Simba has less than 200 members. That wouldn't be bad for a Prime Timers chapter or a big-assed San Antonio cocktail party, but Chiron Rising? Either you have a much smaller readership than I had imagined, or you are dead-on with your scathing claim (CR #76) that a majority of your readers

are indifferent to the needs of others. I suspect the latter, but I have no idea what your readership is. B.B./Houston

Over the past 10 years, we've accumulated a data base of over 15,000 customers purchasing everything from subcriptions to T-shirts. Joining the Order of the Silver Simba takes guts and an evolved soul. It's not for lightweights.

G98 ROOMMATES

Hey, CR Dudes! How do I get a roommate for the gathering in San Diego? E.D./Ft. Lauderdale

See instructions in BITS AND PIECES further into this issue.

TWO SETS OF INITIALS

The good things in my life can easily be summed up with two sets of initials. First, I found AA, then I found CR. You see how simple a wonderful life can be? If you recall, I met Dennis at the '95 Gathering in Orlando. He was living in New Hampshire, and I was living in South Texas, and now we are together in Paradise (aka Tucson) as happy as can be. We owe it to your wonderful organization. The events are always booked into magnificent hotels, the entertainment is first rate, and the food has been fabulous (and I'm a retired chef, so I should know). The service was admirable, quick and pleasant. And the price? I don't care what the wet-blanket agitators say, in my opinion the fee you charge for this happy, friendly, festive affair is a tremendous bargain. We thank you for allowing us to write the enclosed check. We are already aware of the reward it will bring. With genuine affection. David and Dennis/Tucson

GROWING WITH CR

Even though I have moved to a small town and cannot subscribe, I pick up CR faithfully every even month at a book store. Like a good friend, it always greets me with smiles and news. For how much you have been through, I hope you look back on all the years with pride. I believe I have every issue but the first one or two. What a thrill to look back over them and see the growth and changes. Every issue is so full of love, and they all mean so much to me. I can chart my own growth by them! Hope the New Year gives you the gold ring, whatever that may be for you. A special spot of love in my heart, and tons of gratitude! However you celebrate, make it joyful! J.S. /Midwest

TERIMA KASIH

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere compliments and a big thank-you, or *Terima Kasih*, to you and the Chiron Rising community. You have done an excellent job in helping to establish friendships among older men and those younger men who love them. Unfortunately, I don't have a suitable older man to share this magazine. For your information, your shipments have arrived safely to my box, and I now have a collection of ten issues. I would like to participate in supporting you by sending some interesting articles from this part of the world, but I am currently very busy with my third year of medical school. I will submit some in the near future. All the best, and keep up the good work. A.F./East Malaysia

BROWSING

I checked you out on my internet browser, and you didn't fare too well. Searching "Older Gay Men" got no matches. "Mature Gay Men" got 16 matches, but none for CR. "Mature Men" got your competitor DADDY. "Chiron Rising" got 32 listings, but only a few were about your site and most only through links. Most were about astrological stuff and the Bahai religion. "Patrick H. Colley" got one listing for a list of erotic magazines. "Pat Colley" turned up one group photo of teenage summer camp counselors. "P.H. Colley" produced one article about Canadian Customs' seizing various U.S. publications, QUINCUNX included. For what it's worth. P.G./New York.

SERPENTS IN MY GARDEN

We had a bit of excitement on the farm the other day. We had some visitors staying the night and next morning we set off for a walk into the forest. We were walking in single file, four of us, with SNOWY leading the way and me bringing up the rear. We hadn't even gone as far as the chook [chicken] yard when a 6-foot tiger snake slid across the path. No one saw it except me and it all happened in a split second, though it was in slow motion. I saw David step on the snake half-way down its body. He was blissfully unaware of the snake. I lunged forward and pushed him away and in the process I stood on the snake. I turned my head to watch the snake's head as it was to bite me, but the snake reared up and didn't strike! It seemed to have this look of astonishment that some stupid idiot would actually be the second person to stand on the same snake. With much squealing and shrieking, I jumped off the snake's tail and pushed everyone away. It is absolutely unheard of that a person standing on a snake doesn't get bitten, so David was lucky. Me? I went out and purchased a lottery ticket. You are probably aware that the snakes in Australia are extremely venomous. I think the tiger is about twice as venomous as a rattle snake. It may have even been a brown snake (they both look similar, and are common to the area), and that is supposed to be either the most or second most venomous snake in the world. Needless to say, if I had been bitten I would be very sick for several months if not dead! David is not an outdoors kind of guy, so for the rest of the walk, he'd squeal whenever he saw a stick on the ground, and there are a lot of sticks on the ground in the forest. Of major concern is the act of bravery in lunging to push David away and take the punishment myself. As one who is not known for heroic behaviour and as one who has devoted his life to maintaining a comfort zone and screaming at any effort to take him out of the comfort zone—I am shocked. By way of explanation, I meekly offered that maybe I am in possession of a latent "John Wayne gene." My SNOWY muttered under his breath that it must be very latent indeed. Cheerio. COCKTATOO REX/Australia

COCKTATOO REX and SNOWY are the subjects of the article "The Kangaroos of Bundanoon," CR 79. They're also guides for our upcoming AUSSIE ODYSSEY.

BOOKS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY OUR CONTRIBUTORS

WILLY & GIRAFFE
by Bob Williams
Morris Publishing
ISBN 1-57502-376-8

Bob Williams, aka GIRAFFE, is going on 76 and lives in San Francisco. He's one of our most popular and accomplished contributors of fiction and poetry, and has been writing all of his adult life. Divorced, his ex-wife and daughters also live in the City and keep in contact.

Bob subscribed to CR in 1988 and submitted his first story a year later. Afraid that the story, WOMAN BLUES, would be too controversial for CR, we turned it down. But that didn't stop him. He later submitted COUNTING CHICKENS, which was the first of a string of delightfully provocative stories we've published since. Seven of those published by CR are included in his new anthology.

WILLY & GIRAFFE contains an eclectic selection of 18 stories—some poignant, some hilarious. Some of us can identify with the delightful stories about the author's growing up in the Chicago suburbs in the 1920s and 30s. Many of us can relate to the mature experiences of coming out, loving and losing. His stories are a rich blend of social comment, psychological study, pathos and fantasy. As interested in humor as he is in drama, he is capable of brewing humor both light and frolicking, as well as deliciously dark and bizarre. His wit is scalpel-sharp.

The final story in the book, MOON PIE, was also the last story published by CR in issue #76. Wickedly funny and erotic, it exposes our beloved GIRAFFE for the literary genius that he is.

The book has been picked up for distribution by Alamo Square in San Francisco and has gone on sale for $11.50 in the western states. Ask your book seller to contact Alamo Square to obtain copies.

If you'd prefer an autographed copy and are attending the Gathering in San Diego, wait and buy it in the Tiki Hut at the Town and Country Hotel.

The author assures all CR readers that GIRAFFE will return soon.

NEW ORLEANS: AN ARTIST'S SKETCHBOOK
original pen & ink drawings
by Stephen Lindsley
text by Tom Horner
Tryon Publishing
ISBN 1-884824-03-X

Tom Horner is also a contributor to CR and has been a supporter for well over 10 years. His latest book is a critically acclaimed collection of 51 sketches illustrated in an 83-page text all about New Orleans.

The 51 drawings are in historical order, which makes the history of the city easier to follow. Starting in 1682 when the Canadian explorer LaSalle claimed Louisiana for France, it ends with a modern day stop at Cafe due Monde for beignets and cafe au lait. Stops are made in such well-known New Orleans spots as Ursaline Convent, Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop, the Cabildo, the Presbytere, Napoleon House, Chalmette Battlefield, the Old Mint, Congo Square, the French Market, Gallier Hall, the Pontalbo Apartments, the U.S. Customs House, Commander's Palace, Jackson Brewery, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Aquarium of the Americas, and houses inhabited by celebrities (William Faulkner, Lillian Hellman, Tennessee Williams and Anne Rice, to name a few).

Tom Horner, a retired Episcopal priest, is the former owner of Fauburg Marigny Bookstore in New Orleans. His most recent book was published in four languages, and his translation of Hermann Gunkel's German encyclopedia articles, *The Psalms*, is now in its eighth printing. He is now at work on a study of the 42-year-long feud between Gertrude Stein and Ernest Hemingway. Mr. Horner's degrees include a Bachelor of Arts from Elon College, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, a Master of Arts from East Carolina University, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University.

The book may be obtained at a cost of $18, plus $2 postage and handling from Tryon Publishing Co., P.O. Box 1138, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or call (800) 360-1980.

WHAT IT IS

Chiron Rising Magazine is published every other even month by two old farts who don't know any better. We don't have a staff, but we have occasional volunteers who help us mail out issues and do clerical work. Except for time spent eating, sleeping, watching a little television, taking care of our two senior dogs and going to see a lot of doctors, we have no life of our own.

For that reason, we respectfully ask our readers to be tolerant of the inevitable delays, screwups and miscommunications. In order to put out a good product under these conditions, we have no choice but to operate by triage.

New to CR? Here are answers to some oft-asked questions:

Chiron Rising was named after a comet called Chiron. It's a long, boring story, so use your imagination.

CR models and writers want to hear from you. Follow the instructions in the fine print of THE CONTACT NETWORK.

The code on your address label indicates the date your subscription will run out. We will include a reminder note inside your final issue. A "V" means you're cool. A V2 or V3 entitles you to private favors and a lot of pampering—within the realm of mutual civility, of course.

If you would like to become a CR model, follow the instructions in WAS THAT YOU IN CR?

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RECITALISTS

We still have openings for those who would like to perform in recital during the Gathering in San Diego. Whether you are a singer or an oboist, we'd like to have you perform. Our recital director, Jim Edmonds, has agreed to provide accompaniment.

ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURE

If you would like us to pair you with a roommate for the Gathering in San Diego, please provide us with the following information:

1. Your name, address, and a statement that you wish to be paired with a roommate.
2. Whether or not you would share a room with a smoker.
3. Your telephone number and the best time to call you.

Delegates will be paired in sequence without consideration of age, size or race. Please do not ask us to fix you up.

PRIORITY AND RESERVED BALLROOM SEATING

VIP 3 and VIP2 delegates will have first choice of forward and dance floor-side tables Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Reserved tables will again be available for the hearing impaired and special guests.

NEW CALIFORNIA SMOKING LAWS

The recently implemented nonsmoking laws make it illegal to smoke cigarettes in bars, lounges and taverns. The state already has a law banning cigarette smoking in restaurants. For those delegates who smoke, please be advised that these new laws don't apply to cocktail parties or meal service held out of doors, which is the location for all our cocktail receptions and hotel-served meals poolside. No smoking will be allowed inside any of the indoor venues, including the ballroom housing the cabaret and D.J. dancing.

A TYPO?

Some readers have asked if the revised terms of our delegate agreement regarding video cameras is correct. Yes it is. If you think this change is unfair, put your questions to some of the guys who videotaped poolside last year without subjects' approval. If you want to get pissed off at someone, get pissed off at them. In answer to the reader in the D.C. area with a sensitive government job and four kids: You WILL NOT be photographed against your will.

There will be NO exceptions. Exposed videotape will be confiscated, and offenders will be ejected.

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GOOD READING ON THE WEB

The Apollo Network includes a reading library filled with loads of fiction, true-life stories, and articles of interest to mature men and their admirers. Those fans of D.W. Breckenridge and P.H. Colley will find Breckenridge's LAKE SAGANAGA AND OTHER SHORT FICTION and THE COMPLETE BASS LAKE COUNTY CHRONICLES, as well as Colley's novella ZONES and the anthology QUINCUNX. The Apollo-network has so very much going for it. Check it out!

http://www.apollonetwork.com

MORE CONFUSION

For those of you who renewed your subscriptions for $48 prior to the end of the year, we have credited your subscriptions with an additional issue. The increase in subscription price was supposed to go into effect on January 1, 1998. Please forgive the chaos.

FORWARDED MAIL

Awhile back we implemented a revised forwarding procedure and began charging $1 per three letters forwarded ($2 for 4-6, $3 for 7-9, etc.). Unfortunately we have been receiving a lot of $1 checks, which really screws up our deposit allotment. It's more economical to just send them back to sender. Please DO NOT remit a check in an amount less than $10, and submit cash for forwarding fees.

NEW GOODIES COMING

Thanks to the recent advent of affordable, high-tech color printers, we will soon be offering full color calendars and posters of our more sizzling models, along with a line of fun T-shirts with ironed-on images. We already have some great polo shirts and new caps available. Send for our brochure.

MYSTERY CRAB

The day before Christmas we received a huge package of crab cakes and other crab delicacies from a seafood purveyor out of Annapolis. There was no card enclosed, and subsequent calls to the shipper reveal that there is no record of who purchased it. Obviously there is a record, because someone had to pay for it, so we have to assume it was sent anonymously. We therefore thank our benefactor. Since Bruce hates seafood, I will have it all to myself.

BIG MAC

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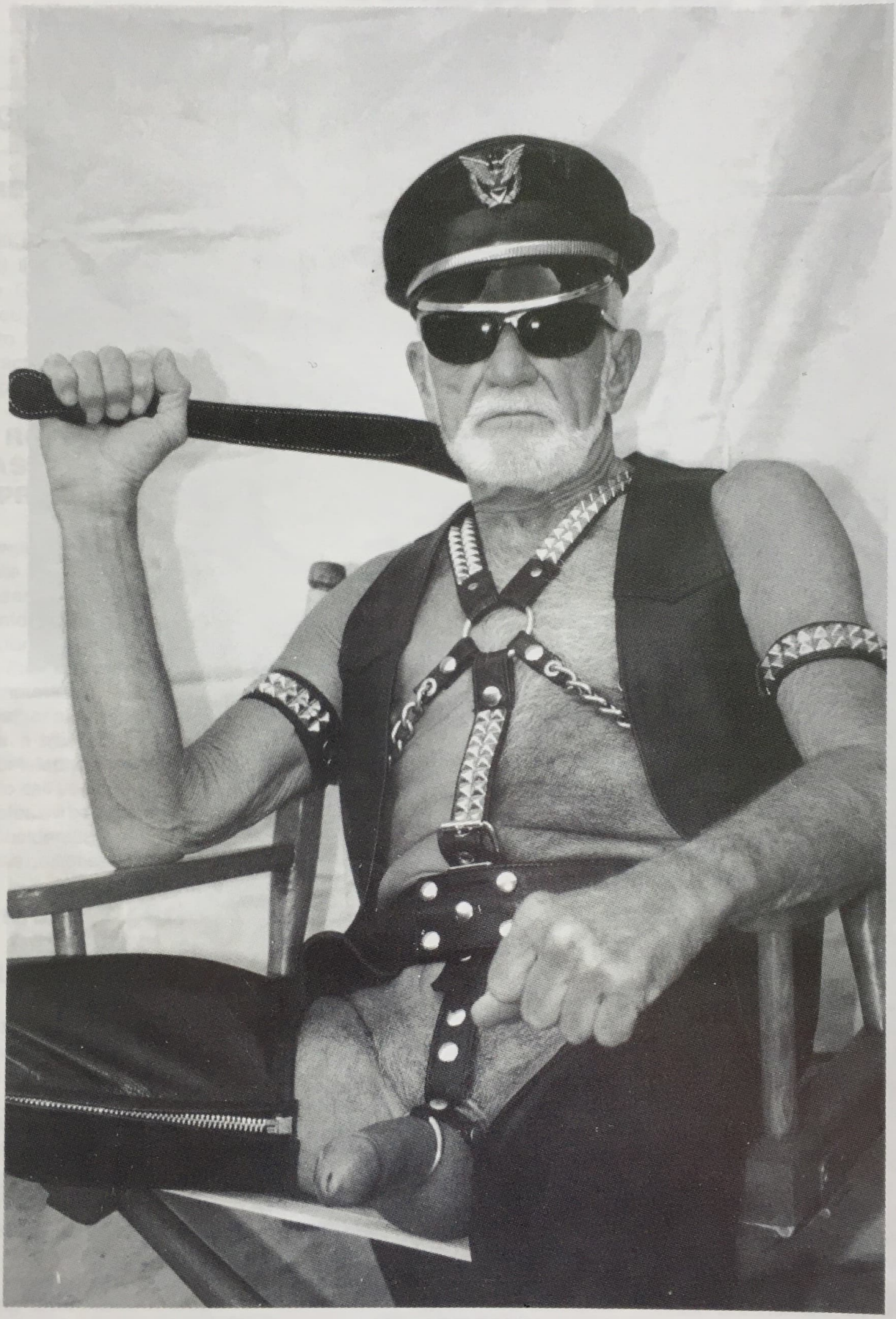
DADDY BEN



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HEY, WAS THAT YOU IN CR?

At CR we don't believe in the words "ugly" or "unattractive." We insist that no one is too fat or too skinny. Too tall? Bull shit! Too short? Our most popular models are short and chubby. And don't EVER say you're too old. Not for THIS magazine!

If you are 18 or over and want to become a CR model, send a sharply focused, well-contrasted, HIGH QUALITY 35 mm color or black and white photo of yourself. Do not send marginal snapshots; Polaroids; sex shots with obvious or simulated penetration or masturbation; photos with half your head or penis missing; portraits of yourself standing too far away; or prints with spots, lines, or ink marks that shouldn't be there.

Photos are not returned unless we are requested to do otherwise. If you want your photograph returned, SEND FOR IT AFTER IT IS PUBLISHED AND PROVIDE AN SASE.

The following form is required in order to have your photograph(s) featured in CR. Carefully write your name on the back of each submitted photograph and blot so that ink does not get on front of photo.

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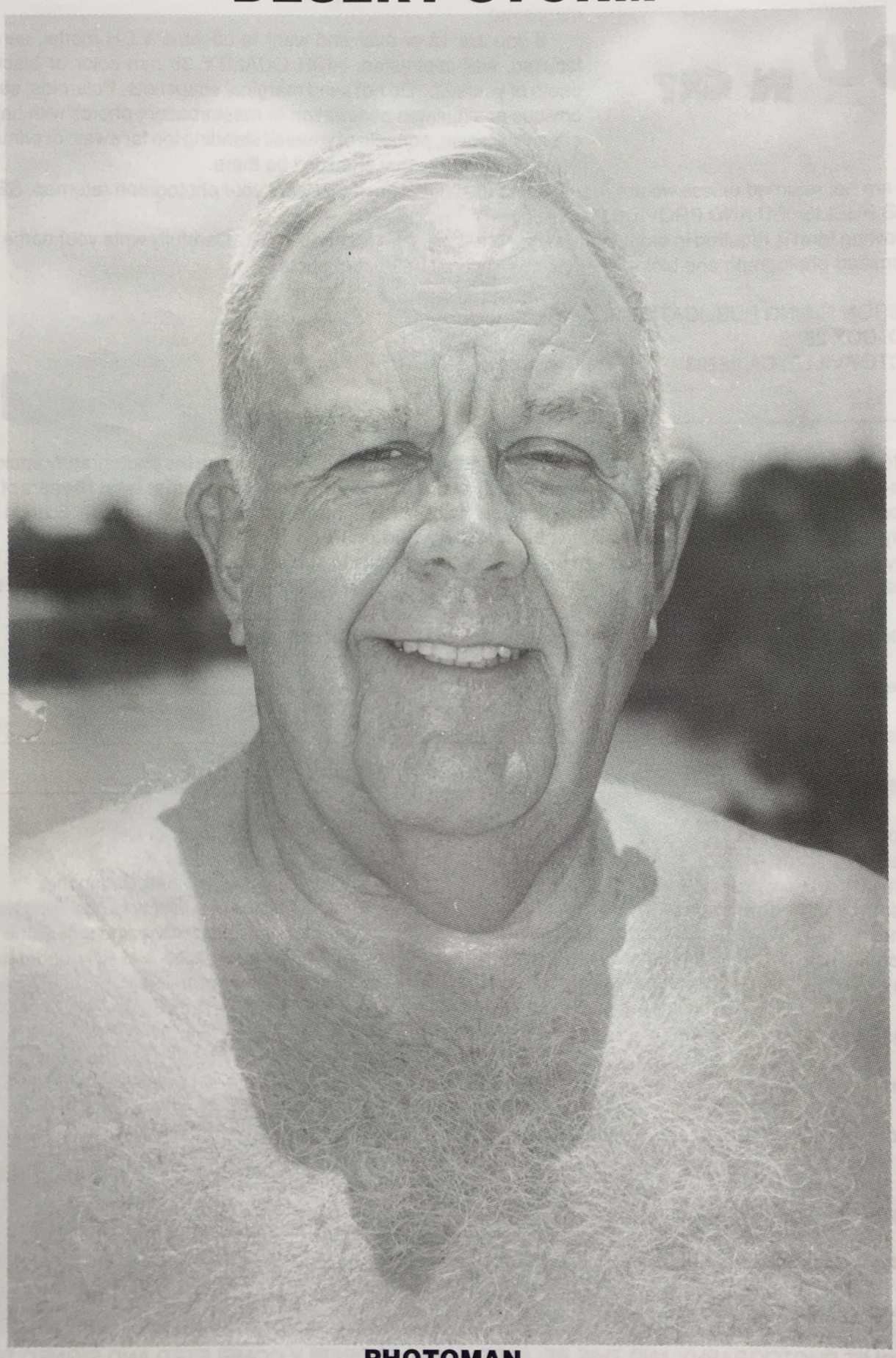

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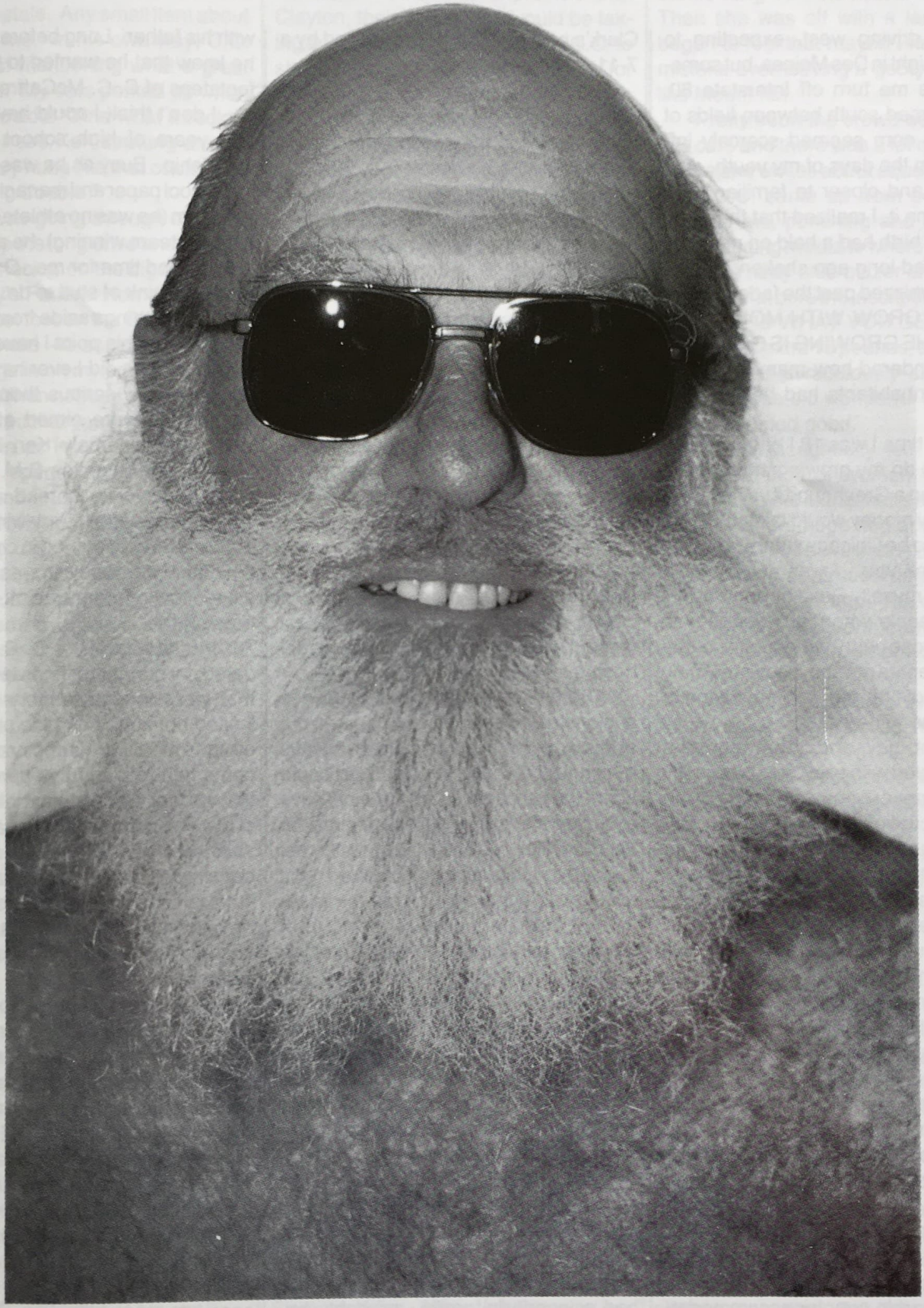

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SOUVENIR FROM MOUNT IDA
by Pug Snider

I was driving west, expecting to spend the night in Des Moines, but something made me turn off Interstate 80. The dusty road south between fields of tall August corn seemed scarcely improved from the days of my youth. As I got closer and closer to familiar landmarks, damn it, I realized that the awful town of my birth had a hold on me that I thought I had long ago shaken. I felt a tingle as I whizzed past the faded sign of welcome: GROW WITH MOUNT IDA WHERE THE GROWING IS GOOD. My God! I wondered how many of its five thousand inhabitants had heeded that advice.

By the time I was 18 I had made up my mind to do my growing somewhere else. I got on a Greyhound bus and went as far as my money would take me. This turned out to be Chicago where I did very nicely, thank you. I was quick to find people like myself. People I could really talk to. People who didn't think I was weird. Those who were not like me readily accepted me and, because I knew how to handle myself, had no reason to consider me "different."

Straight, gay, and in-between, the people I mixed with proved to be exactly what I had never been able to find in the tight little confines of Mount Ida. Because it was on a river and had a lot of the history that goes along with the river towns, outsiders used to get all gushy over its quaintness. They would ask to see the house where Mark Twain had slept. Truth was, Mark Twain had never come within 50 miles of our completely charmless little village.

Why hadn't I kept heading right on to Des Moines? Why in hell had I turned off? But passing the old schoolhouse, the ugly new high school, and the drug store where I had first dared purchase a pack of rubbers which eventually had rotted in a hot glove compartment, I knew I was hooked. It was too late to turn back. I wanted an ice cold Cherry Coke. I wanted it fountain-style, served at a long marble counter accommodating 15 stools. I drove around the block twice before I tumbled to the fact that Clark's no longer existed, replaced by a 7-11.

I settled for a canned ice tea, finished less than half, and decided to leave my car in the parking lot. My old street was one block over so I strolled across the small park til I came to where our house had stood. I suppose I should have felt offended by the huge Wal-Mart which now dominated the entire neighborhood. Had it been a happy house I might have shed a tear or two. I recalled it only as a background for scenes alternating between boredom, stormy arguments, and restless nights.

Continuing up Locust Street where the houses get bigger and grander, I spotted the old DeWitt place. It stood on a half-acre, impressive as ever. The only noticeable change was the neon sign proclaiming its function as McCaffrey's Funeral Home. And Mrs. DeWitt's famous rose garden, now paved, contained several automobiles, mostly limousines and a very late-model hearse.

Both of my parents and countless aunts and uncles had been ushered out of this world by C. C. McCaffrey. Always the choice of those families who could afford the very best, it had in the old days occupied slightly less elegant quarters right downtown. C. C. Jr., my only real buddy through grammar school and high, had his 12th birthday party in the basement of his father's establishment. After the cake and ice cream had come the guided tour. The inspection of the embalming room and the two or three private cubicles where customers lay "slumbering" was even scarier than the afternoon when C. C. Jr. had first introduced me into the mysteries of masturbation and detailed information as to what grown-ups did together in bed.

During those bleak days C. C. Jr. was my lifesaver. Although he was grossly overweight and cursed with an unfortunate skin condition, he sure knew a lot about nearly everything. And he had a wonderful smile - probably because he was the product of a very happy marriage and a close relationship with his father. Long before high school he knew that he wanted to follow in the footsteps of C. C. McCaffrey Sr.

I don't think I could have stood the four years of high school without his friendship. Busy as he was with editing the school paper and managing the baseball team (he was no athlete but his spirit kept the team winning), he always managed to find time for me. On rainy days he could think of stuff to do. All kinds of fascinating things aside from our routine sex play. At this point I have to mention that at no time did I ever have a "crush" on C. C. No, serious thoughts in that department were aimed at an impossible target, namely Ken Lauter, star pitcher of the Mounties, B.M.O.C., movie actor good looks spread all over the sports pages after every winning game. This dream boat moved in circles I dared not enter. As close as I was to C.C., the sacred locker room was off-limits to the likes of me.

It is strange how C. C. accommodated my hunger for knowledge in fields that were foreign territory beyond my limited horizon. I used to pump him for all sorts of tidbits, daring occasionally to come right out and ask personal questions about locker room behavior. Part of C. C.'s success as a manager was his ability to keep his mouth shut about certain goings-on. Long before C.C.'s time, a shower room scandal had cost Mount Ida's finest team a state championship and a truly great coach was forced to leave town.

Somewhere in our junior year, I had a bad time after C.C. confided in me that he had gone all the way with Shirley Stambaugh. Once his manhood had been tested and found genuine, there was no stopping him. Even though Shirley lived 20 miles up river where she attended a parochial school, he arranged to be with her every Sunday night. It is a tribute to his "niceness" that he never made me feel left behind. Perhaps it was naivete, his taking it for granted that soon I, too, would find myself and move on to the "real thing."

He should have known better. His

long, detailed accounts of what he and Shirley did, fascinating at first, interested me far less than like when a slip of the tongue revealed something that Ken Lauter might have said or done. News of Shirley grew stale. Any small item about Ken excited me. In his own way, C.C. never tired of mentioning what a great arm Ken had. My ears perked up when he went on to add: "And what a cock! I worry when I see Ken strutting around bare-ass. Guy hung like that could get a whole team in trouble."

All this was going through my mind as I walked up the long drive and banged the bronze knocker on the big front door of McCaffrey's Funeral Home. As a kid I had never set foot on the DeWitt estate and here I was 40-some years later about to barge in on my one and only tie to the past. When nobody answered my knock I realized that you were supposed to just walk in as in any other place of business. I opened the huge slab of mahogany and found myself in a softly carpeted hall of Hilton-lobby proportions. I took a deep chair and waited.

From the back of the house, behind closed doors, came the party-like sounds of what seemed to be a pretty nice combo. I recognized selections from the score of *Hello Dolly*, and it helped that uncomfortable feeling I have always had around dead people.

I had closed my eyes and was humming along with the music when I felt a hand on my shoulder. A very pretty middle-aged women wearing what appeared to be a tennis costume, smiled and said: "You're not too late if you want to go in and say good-bye to Dolly."

Sensing my confusion, she enlightened me by explaining that this morning's service was for Dolly Matthews, that wonderful old black woman who, I recalled, had laundered and scrubbed for the town's wealthier families. Obviously, C.C. possessed a lot of his father's resourcefulness. Hadn't people always said that old C.C. Sr. was the mortician who had put the "fun" in funeral? As I listened to this most appropriate melody (C.C. had wisely selected the Pearl Bailey version), I had to admire my old friend's business savvy. The McCaffrey way of doing things was in the blood. How proud old C.C. would be of his son!

The tennis lady who, incidentally, turned out to be Shirley, was ecstatic, even hugging me, when she learned that I had merely dropped by to see my old buddy. "Of course! You're Pug! How thrilled C.C. will be. It'll only be a few minutes." And she explained that Clayton, their eldest son, would be taking over at the cemetery, leaving C.C. to stay behind and help with the fixings for when the family and a few close friends came back for the little picnic on the lawn. "There'll be free beer and bratwurst!" and Shirley pointed out to where a tent had been erected.

"Looks like it'll be a little longer than usual," Shirley apologized. "C.C. is into the eulogy and he's playing to a packed house." Somebody opened a door and I could hear the familiar booming voice. Just as he had often held me spellbound, he had the crowd in the palm of his hand. His fund of "Dolly" stories had everybody laughing rather than crying.

An ancient old gal in pantsuit and stylish fedora trundled out and pointed to her watch, indicating that she could not stay for the rest of the "show." A closer look confirmed my opinion that this was old Miss Dockweiler who had been head librarian every since I could read a book. When I introduced myself, she looked me up and down and said, "Pug Snider! Saw you on T.V. last month. Shame on you for running away from Mount Ida and fighting the good fight up there in Chicago." She was referring, of course, to my participation in the Gay Rights Parade during which I caused a bit of a disturbance. My partner, wearing his old police uniform—still fitting perfectly—and I in blue pajamas serving as a hospital scrub garb, dangling stethoscope and rectal thermometer, had marched along with respectable attorneys, one senator, and a burly footballer who scared off most of the hecklers. Actually, I was not entitled to pose as a doctor, having long ago flunked out of pre-med, but it has always been my fantasy.

Miss Dockweiler gave me a wink, not unlike the wink she had given me years back when I had blushingly taken out a copy of *Twilight Men*. I had always wondered about her and her very staunch friend Lucy Pratt, Mount Ida's beloved gym teacher. The pair of them were like Siamese twins. Almost as if reading my mind, she informed me that her dear Lucy had had just such a McCaffrey send-off only six months ago, adding: "Isn't C.C. just too much? His eulogy was precious and guess what, he had that marvelous little combo play the theme song from the *Lucille Ball Show*!" Then she was off with a last wink. I began to feel that maybe I had made a mistake ever leaving a goofy little town like Mount Ida.

Pretty soon the crowd began piling into cars and there was a lot of hugging, blacks and whites about equally divided. Then C.C. came up from behind and grabbed me, punching and kissing, finally dragging me out to where he slipped out of his natty blue blazer and donned an apron that bore the inscription: WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET. What I saw was an extra 15 pounds, a complexion that had miraculously cleared up, and the same old wonderful smile. He looked damned good.

Shirley thoughtfully left us alone, joining a bunch of women who were busy putting out extra chairs and tables. As soon as the huge keg arrived, C.C. and I settled down in a shady corner with our beers. It was as satisfying as a rainy afternoon 40 years ago. The only difference was the frequent warm glances toward his busy wife, so obviously dear to him. There was no envy. I had my Patrick. It was just that our lives, C.C.'s and mine, had moved in such divergent directions.

Picking up the pieces was easy. There was no awkwardness when C.C. asked me: "You're happy with your policeman, aren't you? From the looks of him on that last Christmas photo card, I'd say you've got yourself one helluva good man." And I felt sure he was being entirely sincere.

Before long I got around to asking him about the one person whose public success and private mystique had made him a phantom figure in my adolescent daydreams. I tried to sound very casual as I inquired: "Say, whatever happened to Ken Lauter, your golden boy, your man with the magic arm?" Silently, I remembered that the famous star pitcher's arm had not been the only feature which had caused C.C.'s watchful concern. Even though a certain kind of gentlemen-jocks agreement shrouded shower room rites, C.C. had occasionally let slip hints of antics that went beyond good ol' towel-snapping.

"Funny you should mention Ken. There was a natural who could have signed up with the Cubs. Turned down offers all over the country. Went into real estate." And C.C. broke off to go get us a couple more beers, I sensed there was plenty more dirt on Ken, and I was anxious to know the whole story.

The next beer whetted more than his whistle, and I could tell that C.C. was in his old story-telling mood. I think that, secretly, he was well aware of my hunger for juicy items about the local idol. He continued: "As can often be the case, the guy's cock was just too big for his breeches." Leave it to C.C. to paint a vivid picture for his best listener. There would be no stopping him once he got started.

He sighed and went on: Yes sireee, Ken made a pile but pissed it all away. Right down the drain. Including a marriage and a couple of nice kids. Sad. Sad."

Almost hopefully, I inquired: "Still around Mount Ida?"

"You might say he's still around, in a manner of speaking." This was typical of C.C., answering questions with answers that took you clear around the mulberry bush and up a creek or two. "Part of him—the part that people saw and thought they knew—is resting quietly up at Rose Hill in the family plot. The greater part of him—the part that was largely responsible for his downfall and a lot of foolishness—is floating in brine and formaldehyde in a good-size apothecary jar down in my basement." He stopped to sip as my chin dropped. "Yep, just fifty yards from where we are sitting here on this lovely August afternoon." I swear, C.C. was still C.C.

"I'll tell you, Pug," and I felt that he would always be my mentor, "undertakers are privy to information denied folks in other walks of life. Had it not been for the fact that Ken left a will expressing his wish to be buried in his old home town, scene of his glory years, none of the Lauter story would have unraveled." At that point Shirley stopped, interrupting just long enough to show us the stack of paper napkins which had just arrived, each bearing a little photo of Dolly Matthews.

I detected a real sadness in C.C.'s voice as he came right out and told me how Ken had left town—this town where everybody loved him—to take up a whole new life out on the Coast. "He entered a completely different world, without a dime after the divorce. In no time at all, he let himself be sucked in— no offense intended—by a wealthy fag lawyer named Stanley Bozeman. That was quite a few years back before guys actually got married to each other. I know, I know, you'll probably tell me that certain new demands for rights are bound to surface as we grow more enlightened."

I honestly think that most of C.C.'s sorrow was directed toward the fact this his "boy" had passed up a chance to play for the Cubs. On the other hand, as understanding and tolerant as he was about my relationship with Patrick (was it because Patrick was an ex-cop, Irish, and in no way faggy?) he couldn't forgive Ken's choice in a life partner. I wondered how he had come to label Ken's lawyer pal in such uncomplimentary terms. So I asked him and I got his answer: "The little fag phoned me from San Francisco the night Ken died of a massive coronary. Believe me, I've talked to widows who were really upset, but this one was something else. Between a lousy connection, much sobbing, and the fact that it was two o'clock in the morning, I finally managed to assure Mr. Bozeman that I would personally meet the plane at Iowa City airport and escort the body here to Mount Ida and handle all the arrangements myself.

"When the body was unloaded from the plane, I could tell right away that Mr. Bozeman had spent a small fortune on the casket. I carry some elegant stuff but this job was worthy of a Kennedy. As per our phone conversation, Ken was to get the works. He had often been subjected to a recital of Ken's past glories and had read all the clippings, seen all the photos relating to the games, so he anticipated a tremendous turnout for the local hero returned to Mount Ida. He told me to spare no expense. And I didn't.

"It's difficult to talk about what happened next," and C.C. fortified himself with another beer. "Naturally, I had supposed that Ken's body was all ready for burial, the San Francisco mortuary having done a first-rate job including a glowing tan which California embalmers seem to favor. Mr. Bozeman's last-minute instructions came to me as a real shock. Believe me, I have dealt with plenty of fussy widows with bizarre ideas, but this fruitcake from Frisco gets the prize. You know what she says to me?"

"Well, what did she say to you?" Here I was using the term "she" just as C.C. had. Going along with him, I could only picture this rich lawyer as a real Nelly.

"She tells me to save Ken's cock—and the balls as well—and lays out a check for an extra ten thousand bucks! So help me, Hannah."

I cringed when C.C. told me how this strange request was carried out. By using a nine-inch penile implant, C.C. had been able to present Bozeman with a truly remarkable restoration of his lover's exceptional penis. In a permanently erectile state. Balls and all.

"After all that trouble, how come the thing is still here with you rather than with the grieving partner?" Why should the damned thing be in C.C.'s basement? I knew only too well that he was strictly a "pussy" man. Dumb me, I was the one who always confessed to a morbid interest in the male anatomy. But don't ever call me a "size queen." My Patrick is nicely endowed. Just a "medium" but very nice.

"Ken's private parts got left behind because that Bozeman character is about as well coordinated as a three-legged heifer in heat. Following the big bash after the service out at the cemetery, Bozeman went on a two-day drunk. We had to pour him onto his plane. Realizing the oversight, I phone the guy two days later and suggested I air express the thing. Matters were complicated by the fact that Bozeman was flying to Hawaii for a much-needed vacation. A month later I get a phone call instructing me to keep it til further notice. Months pass. The upshot is that Bozeman found instant relief in the form of a 20-year-old blond surfer, part-time actor (translate part-time hustler) who was so madly possessive that Ken's remaining parts would have seriously damaged the new relationship. The mourning period was definitely over. Period."

I suddenly decided not to stick around for the bratwurst lunch. I used to love them but I was full of beer and the heat was beginning to get to me, and I felt a great desire to go on my way.

"Sure you don't want to see it? Won't

take a minute."

"Thank you, no," and I got up to leave, careful to avoid the first load back from the cemetery. I saw several faces, slightly changed from high school days, but I had no desire to go into a lot of "remember whens" and possible references to my all-too-public recent appearances on television in Chicago's Grant Park melee.

Shirley and C.C. were both insistent that I take along a picnic hamper of goodies. Not only her bratwurst, real Iowa-style, but some of her pickle relish and her famous brandied peaches. C.C., and I swear he was teary-eyed, was loath to see me leave. He was hurt that I was not spending the night. He walked me through the little park back to where my car was waiting in front of the 7-11. As he loaded the hamper into my trunk, he gave me one last hug and even kissed me. I quickly found my way back to the mainstream, away from memories both sad and happy. Away from too much Iowa-Gothic.

An hour later I was both tired and hungry so I pulled into a Kozy-Kottage, the type of motel that went out of popular favor when Holiday Inns took over. My main point in stopping was to phone Patrick to let him know that I was cutting my sentimental journey a bit short, that I would be home a day earlier.

If you are as clever as I think you are, you have undoubtedly guessed that my lonely evening repast contained a surprise that kind of took the edge off my appetite. Packed along with the bratwurst and thoughtful assortment of typical Iowa farm treats. Yep, there was me spending the night in a motel with the biggest prick in town. Only I couldn't sleep. I checked out at midnight. Somewhere between Sandy Creek and Bald Rock, I came to a bridge where I stopped long enough to toss the hamper and all its contents into the river.

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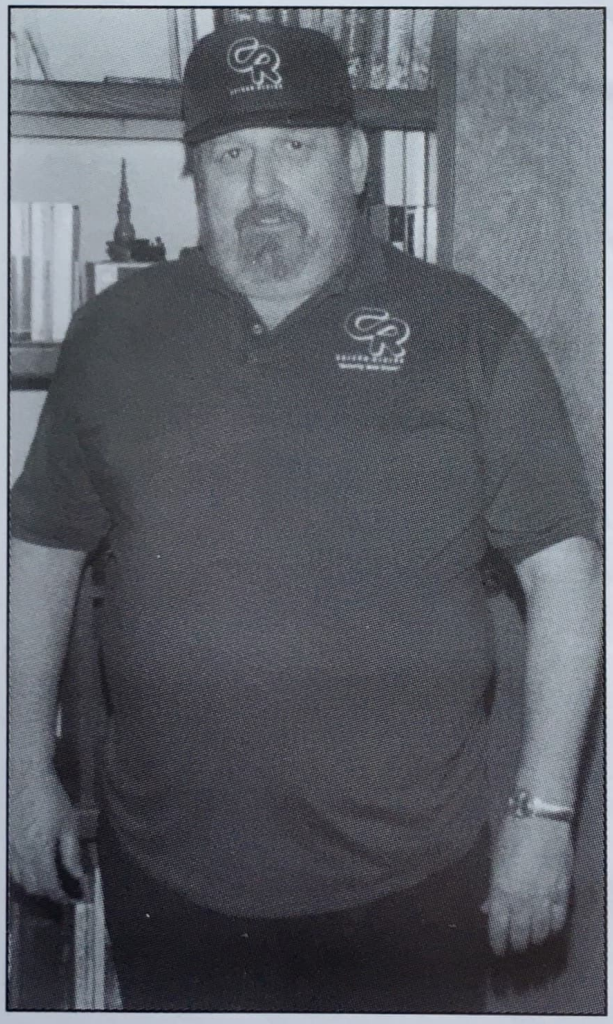

He died November 24, 1997, of an apparent heart attack, in a motel room in Marshall, Texas. He was 62 and reportedly on the verge of settling down with someone who cared about him in Alabama. When we met him back in 1994, he lived in Ohio, then he moved to North Carolina, then Orlando, but always—always—he was proud to be identified with CR. He was so friendly and so very full of life. He wrote once: "I was listening to the radio the evening I was looking at my first issue of CR, and they played 'You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You,' and it rang so true. CR will help me become Somebody." He was indeed Somebody to us, and we loved him dearly. He will be sorely missed.

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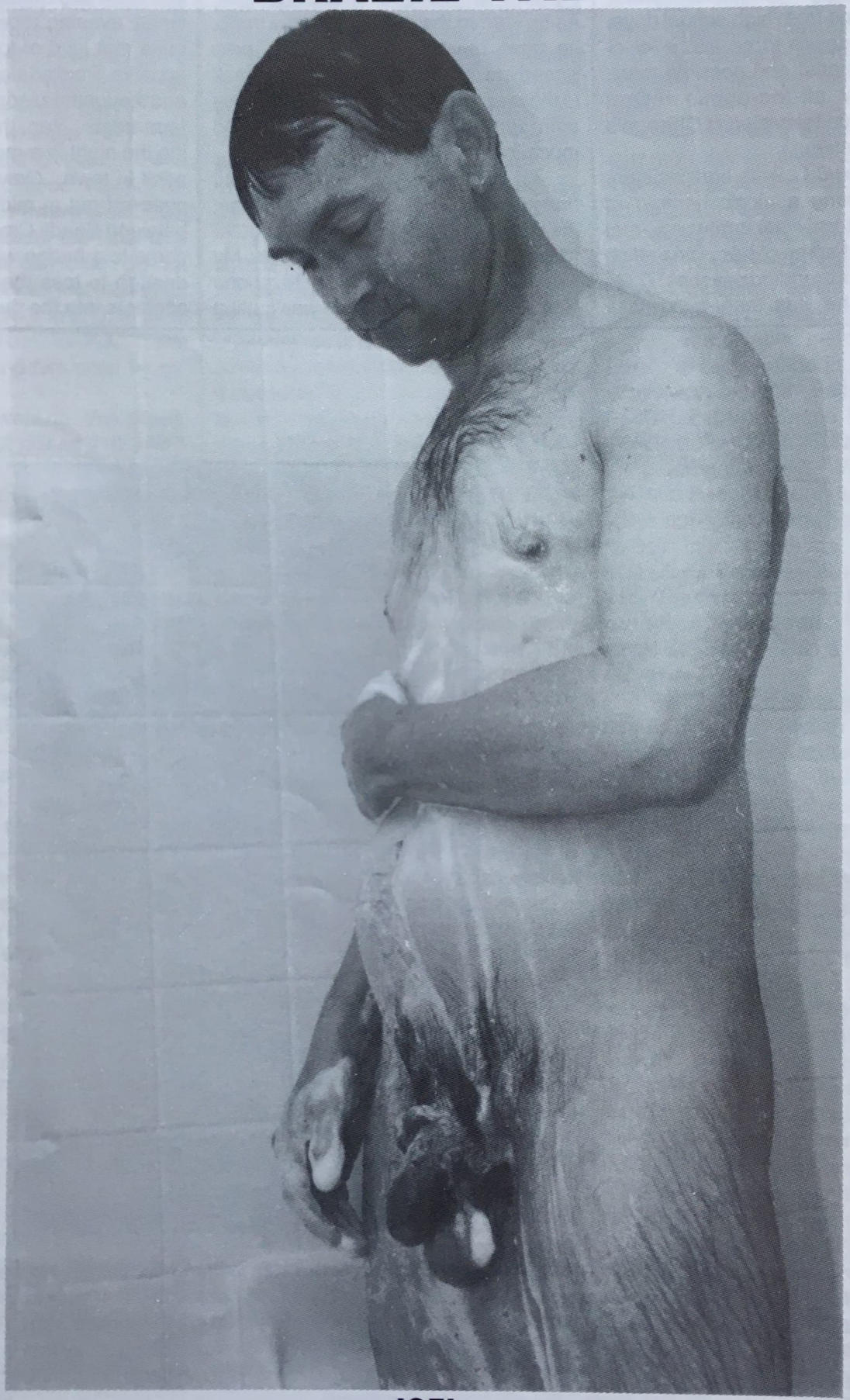

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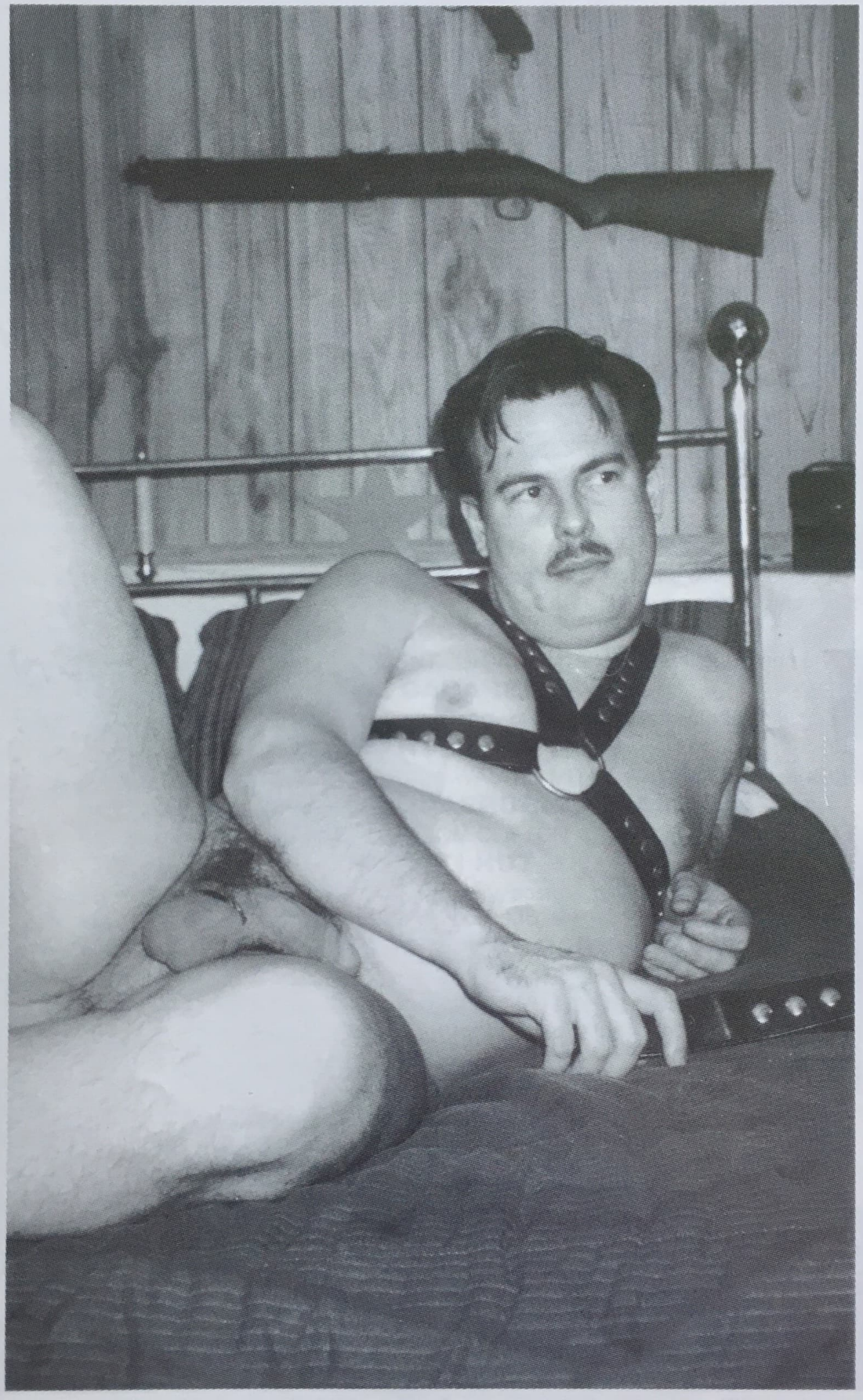

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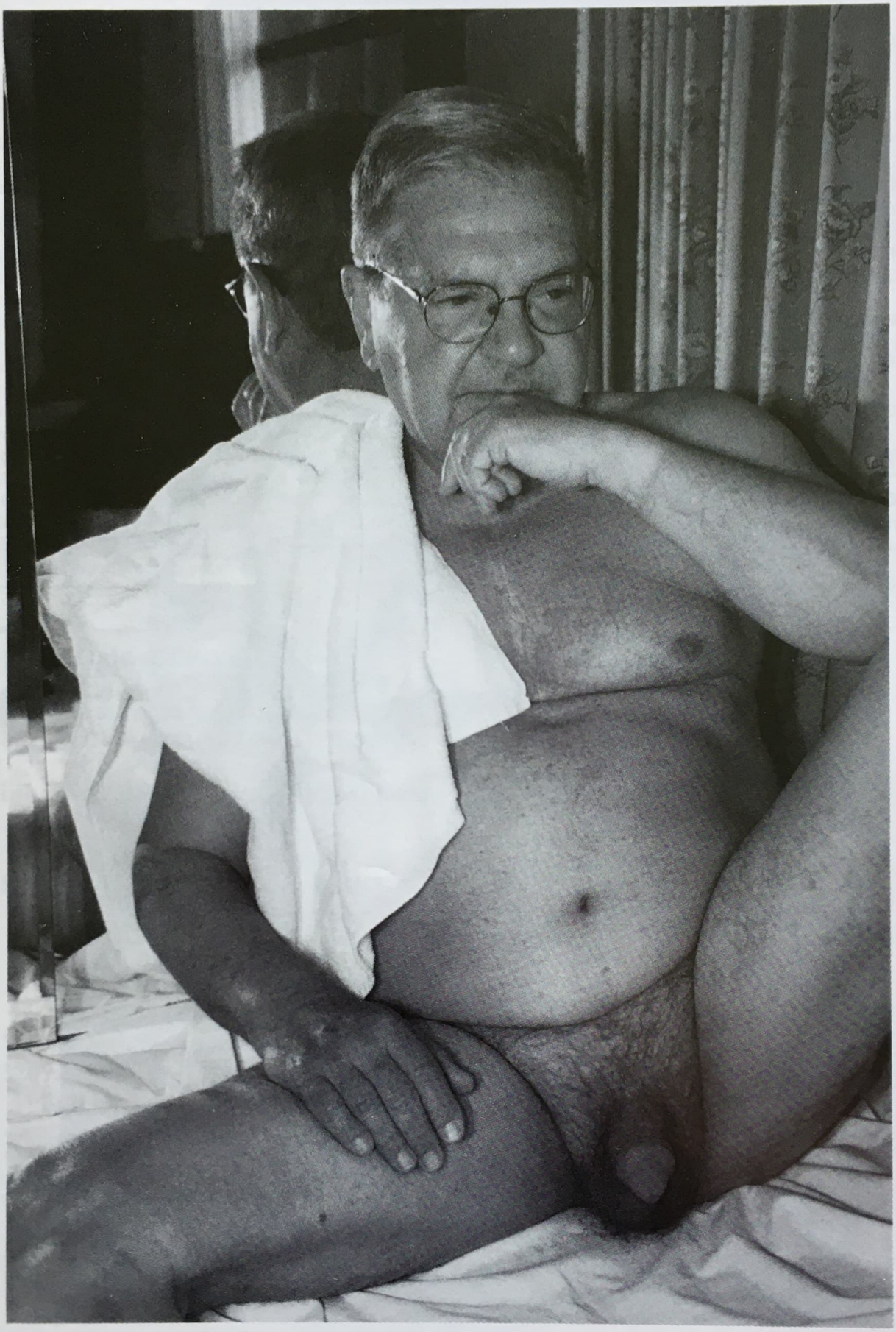

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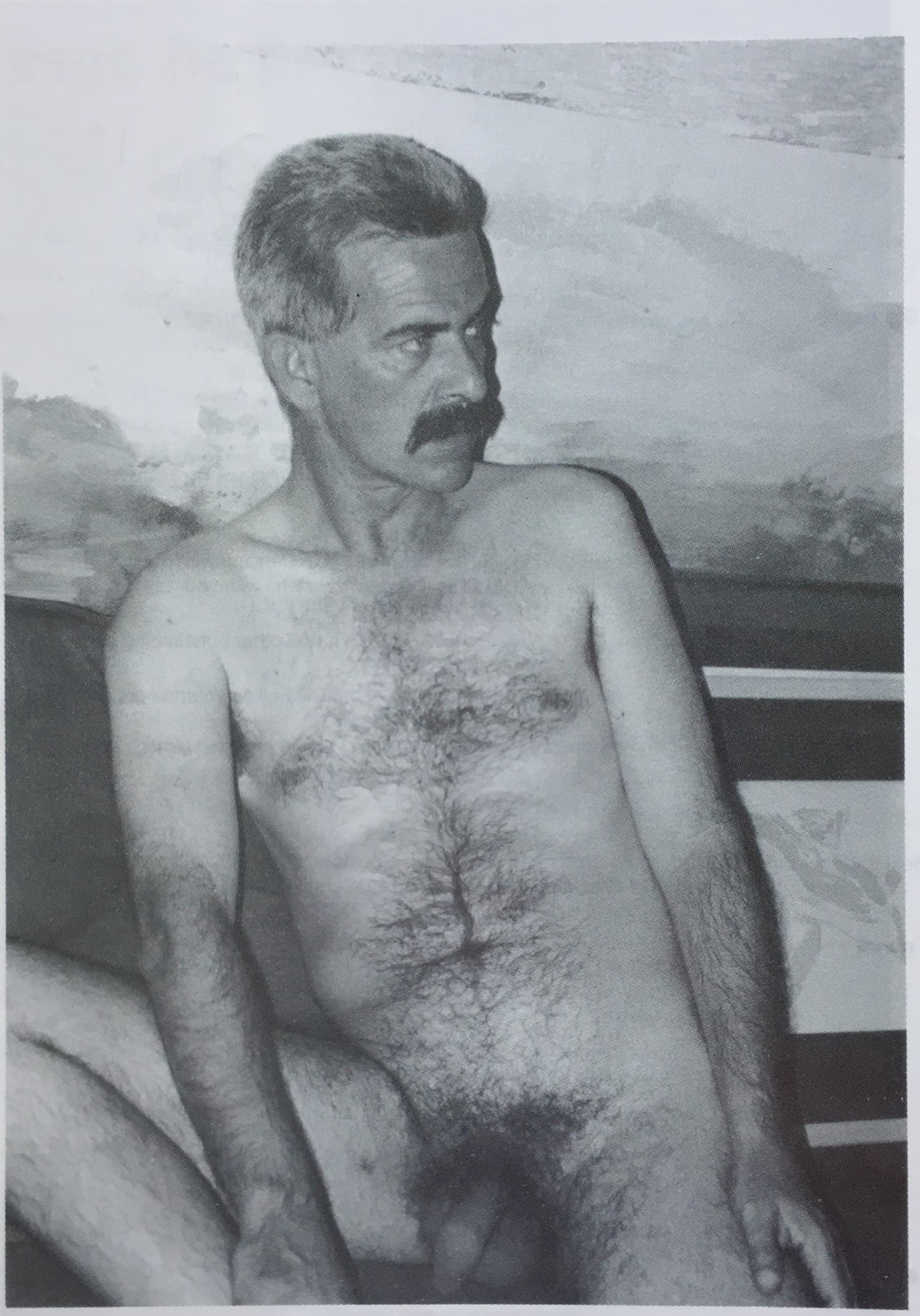

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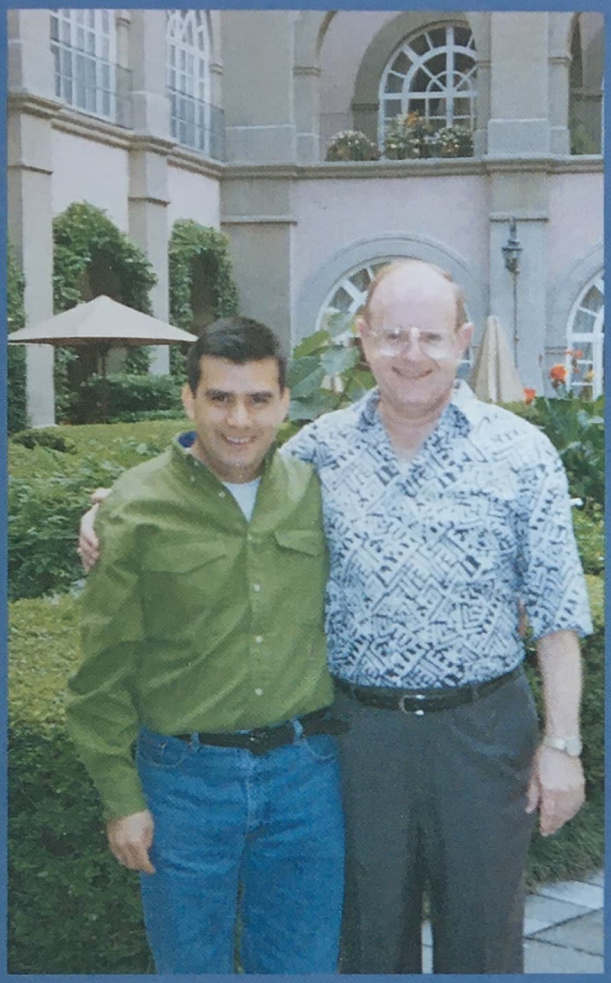

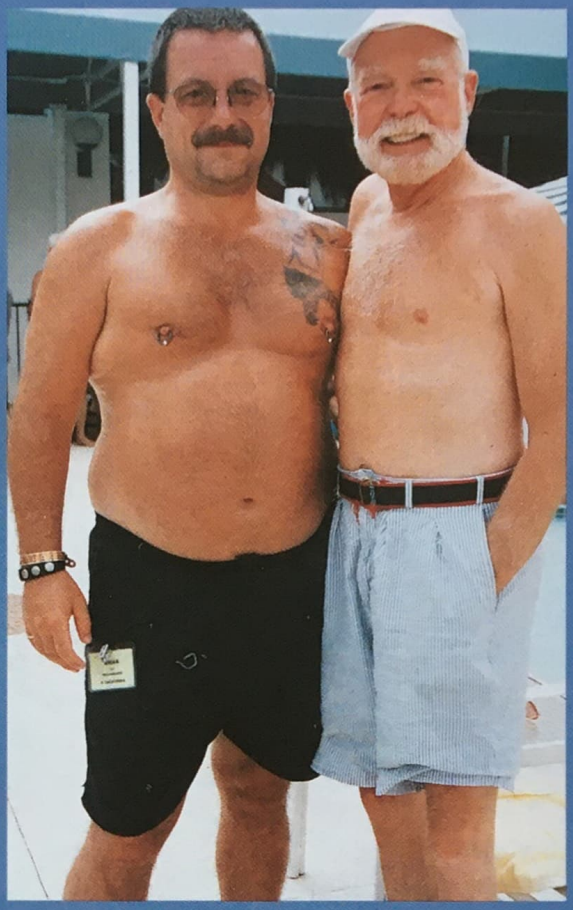

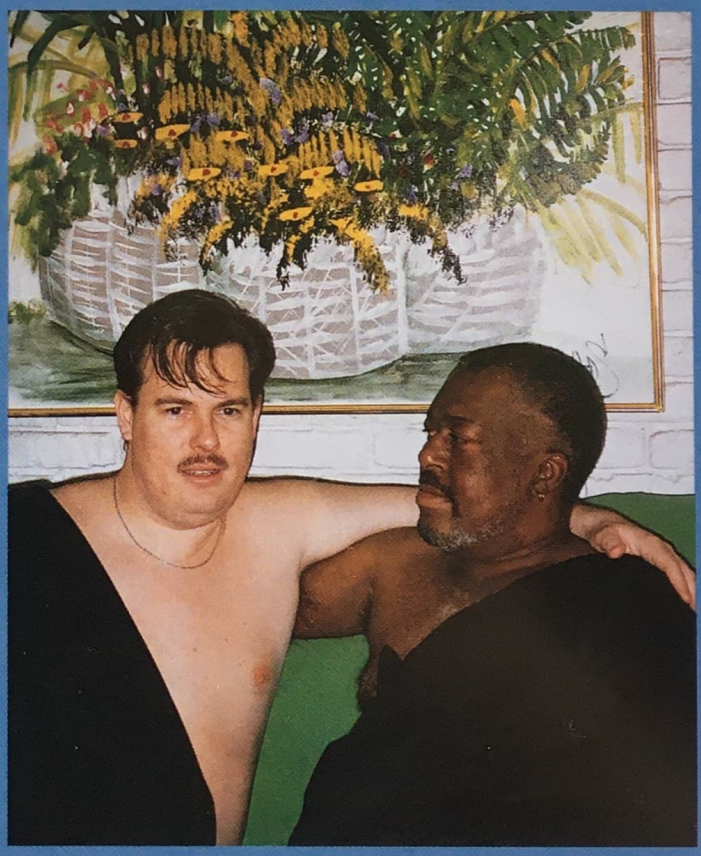

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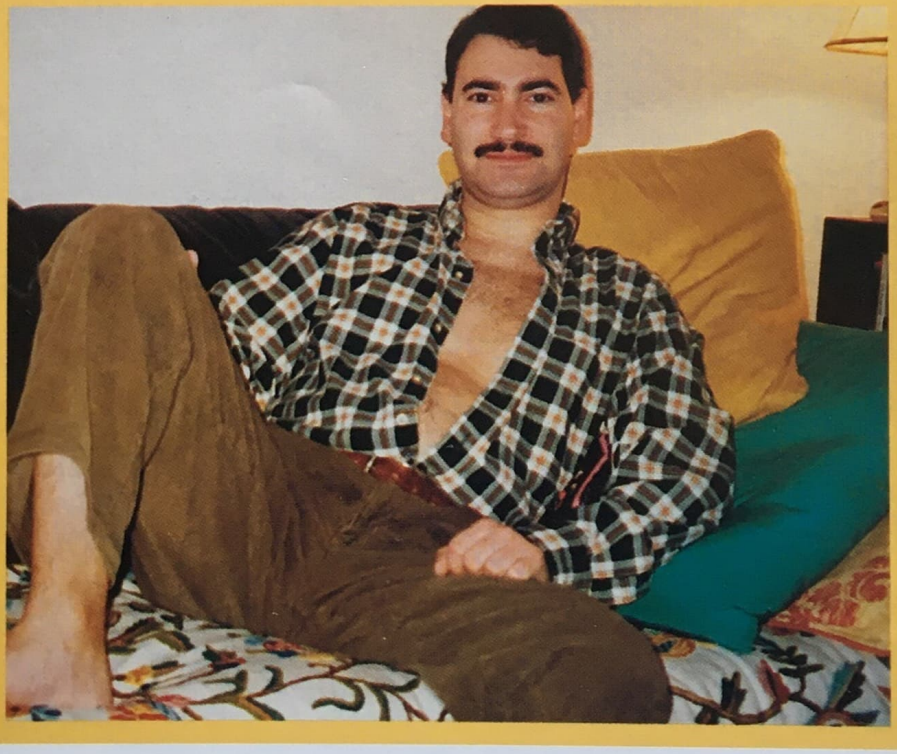

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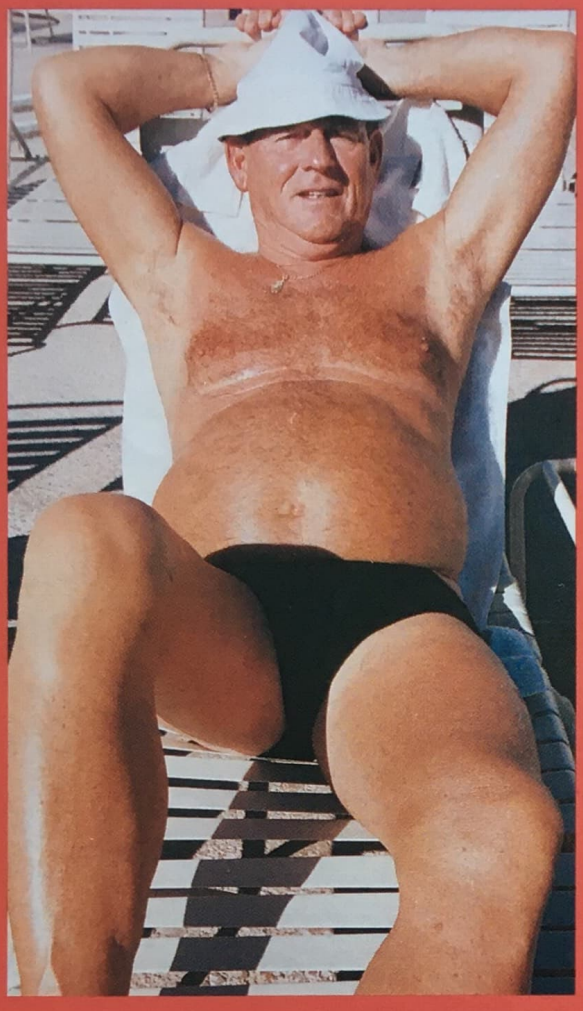

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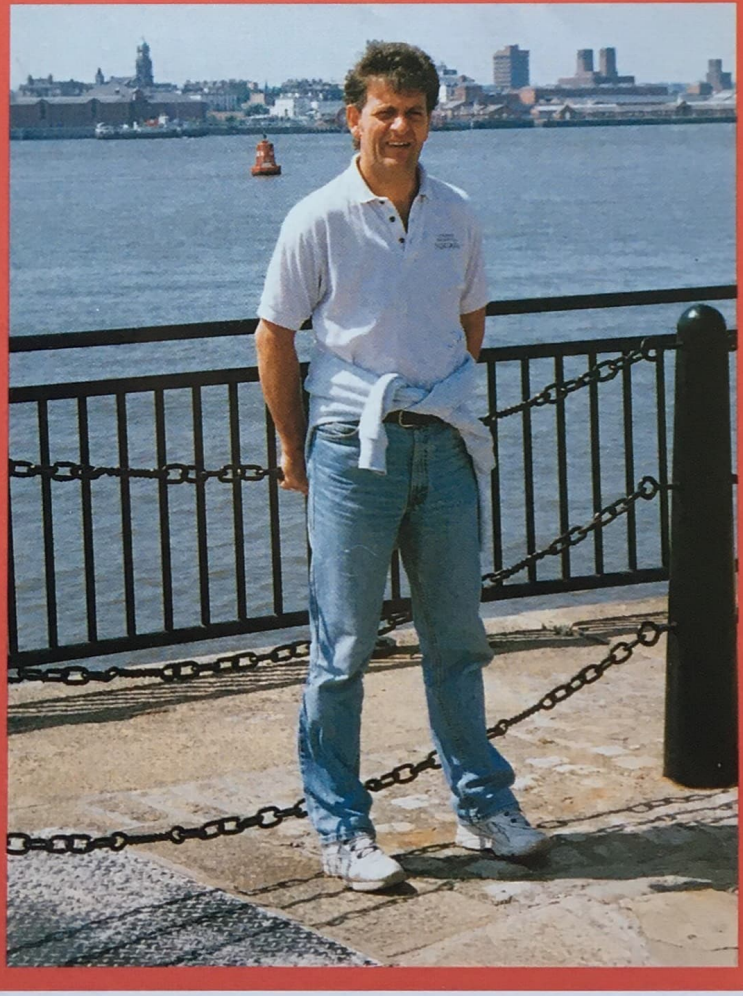

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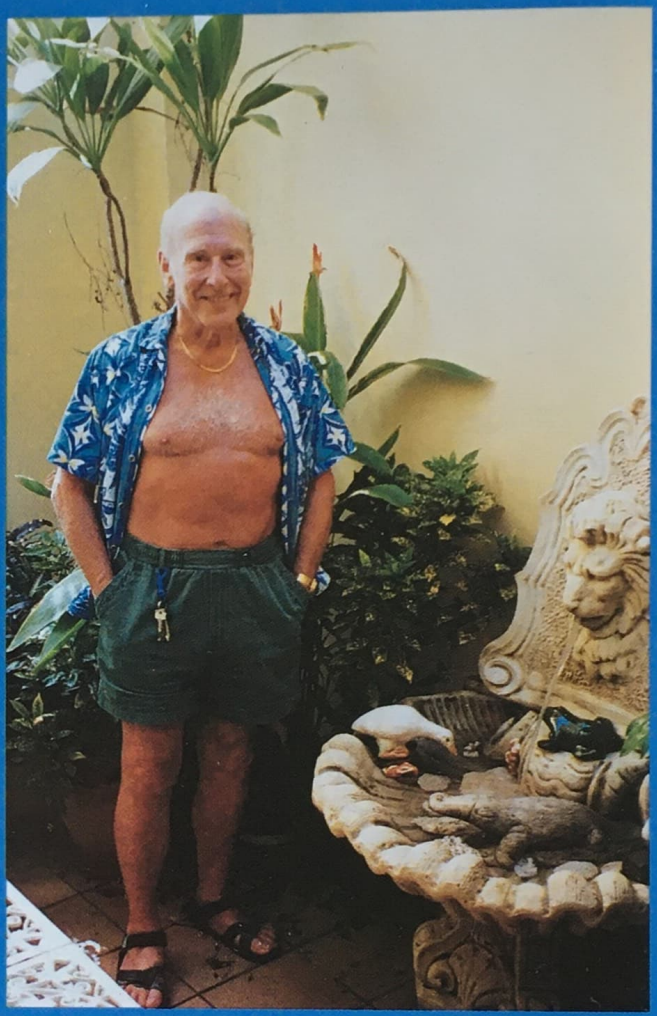

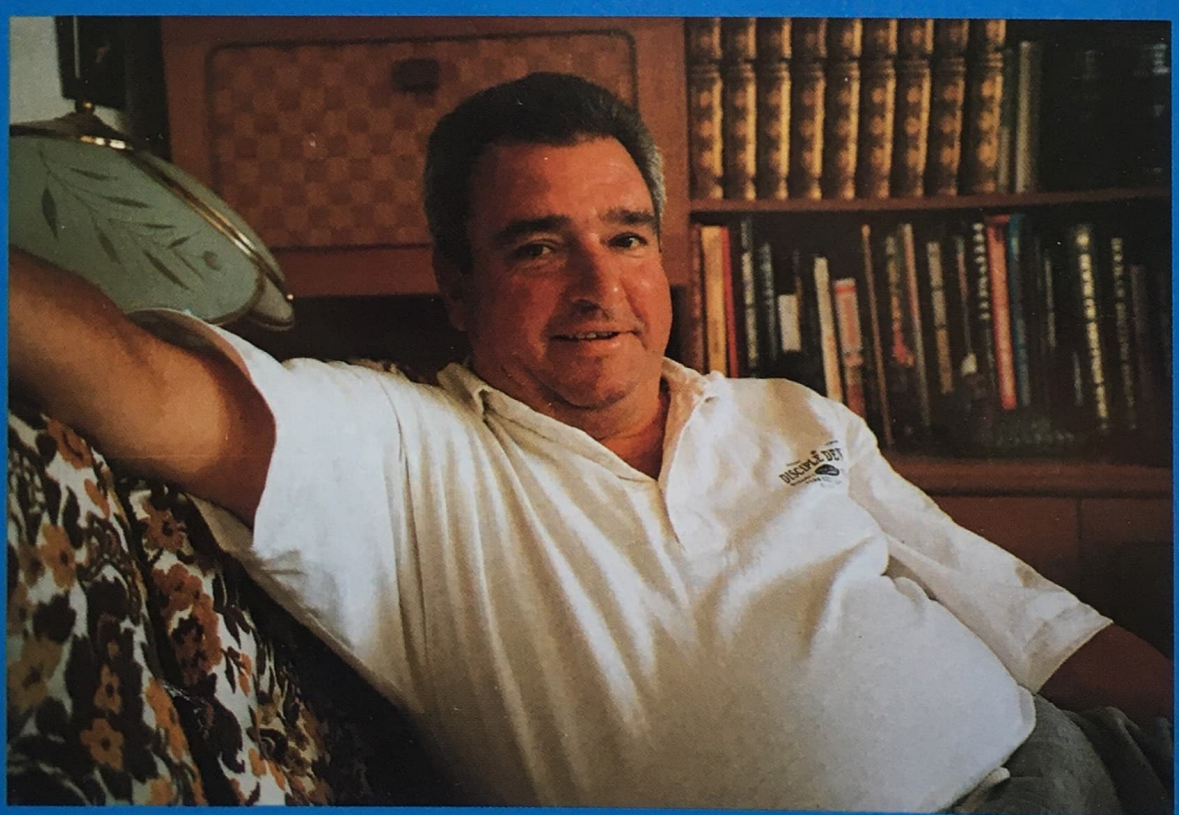

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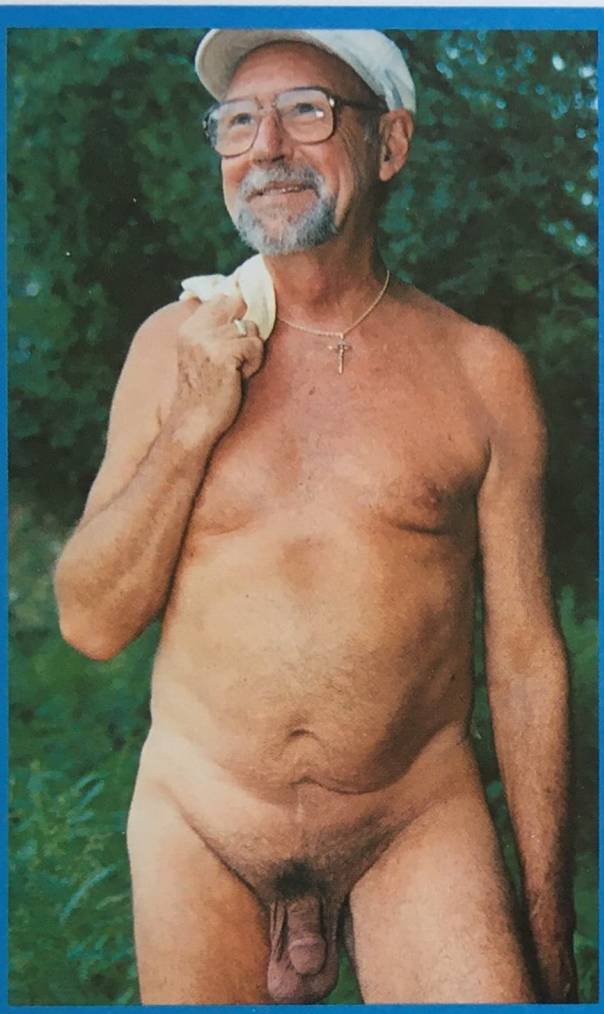

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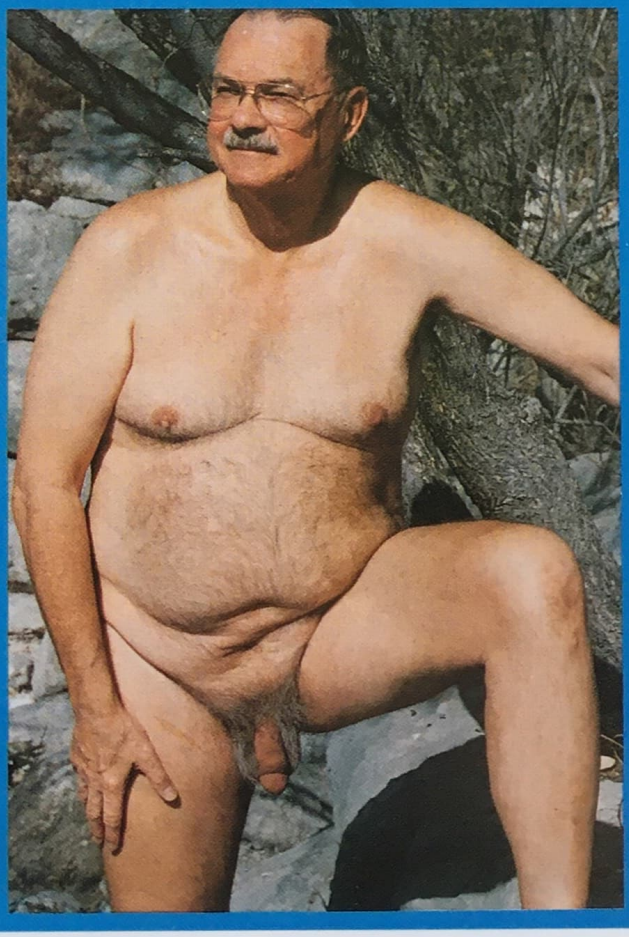

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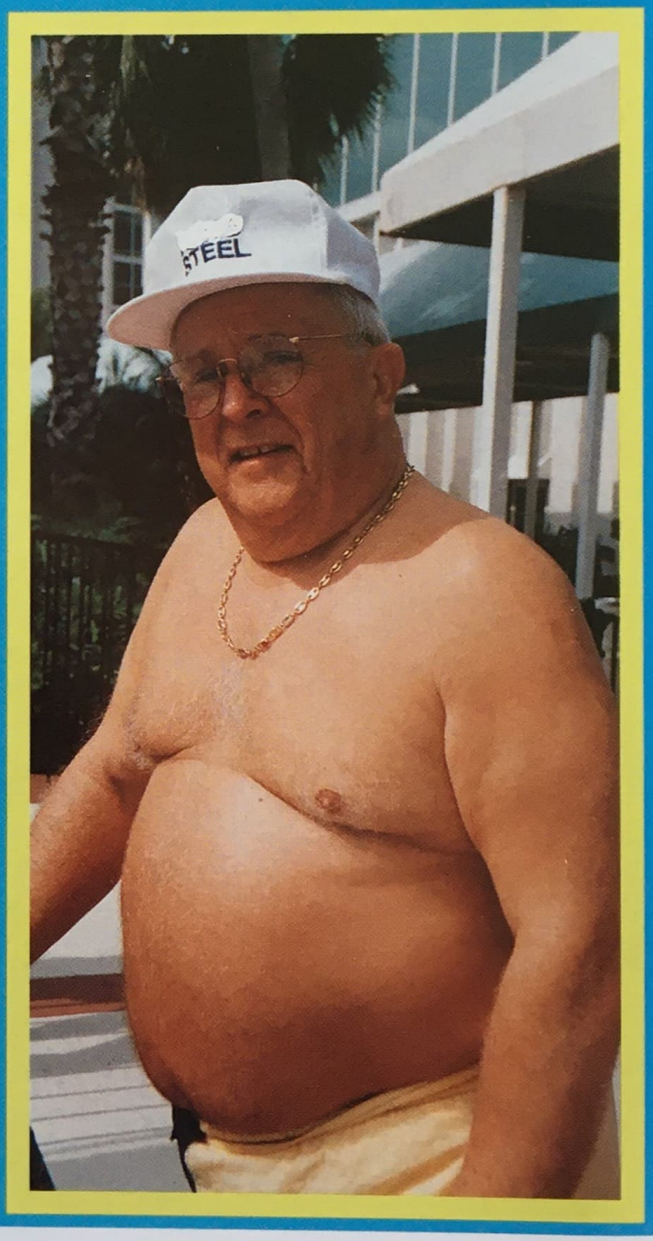

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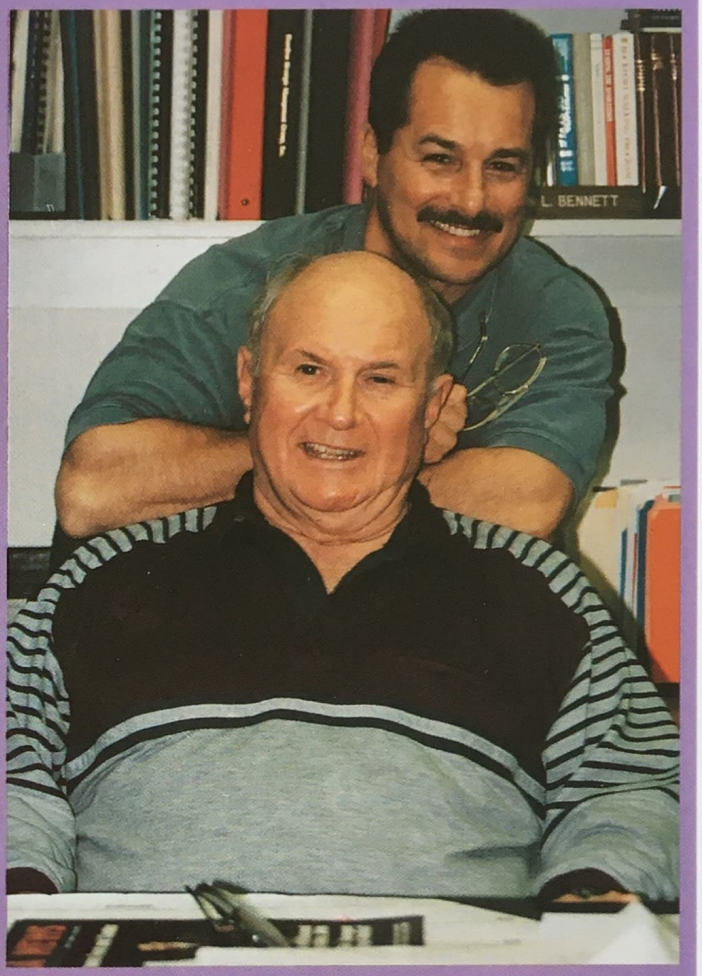

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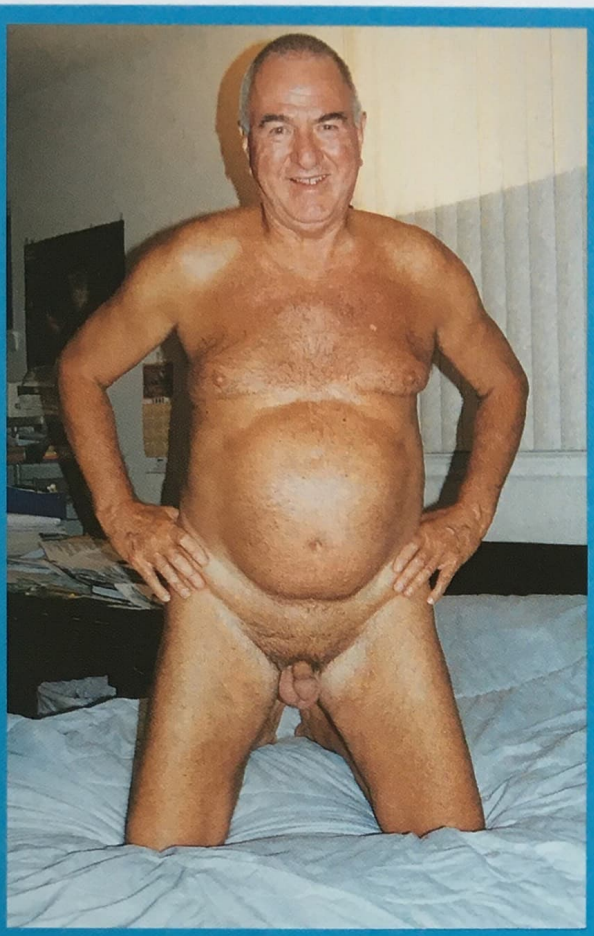

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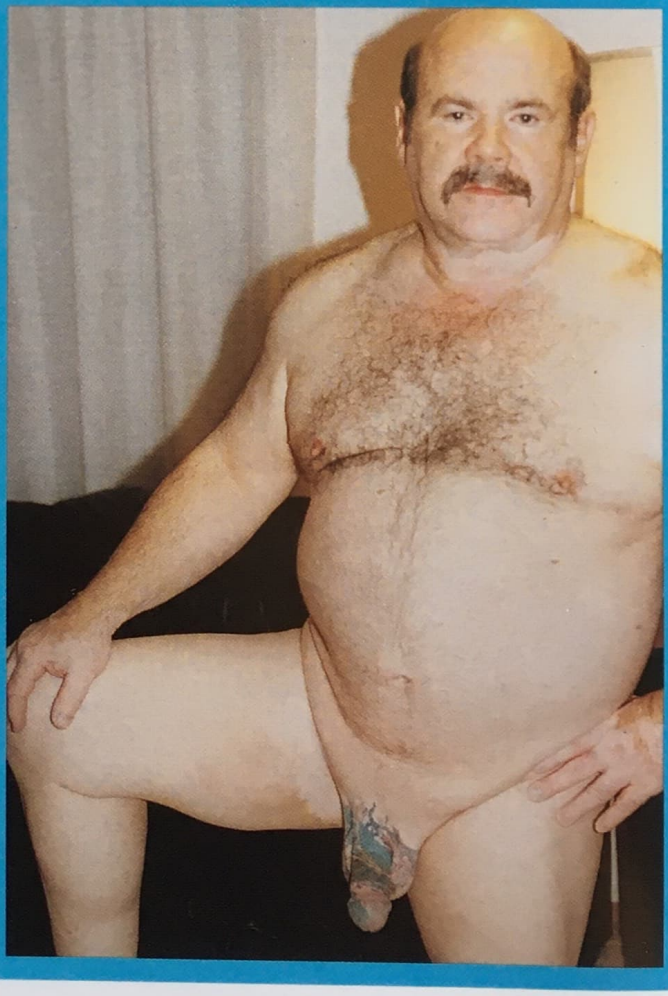

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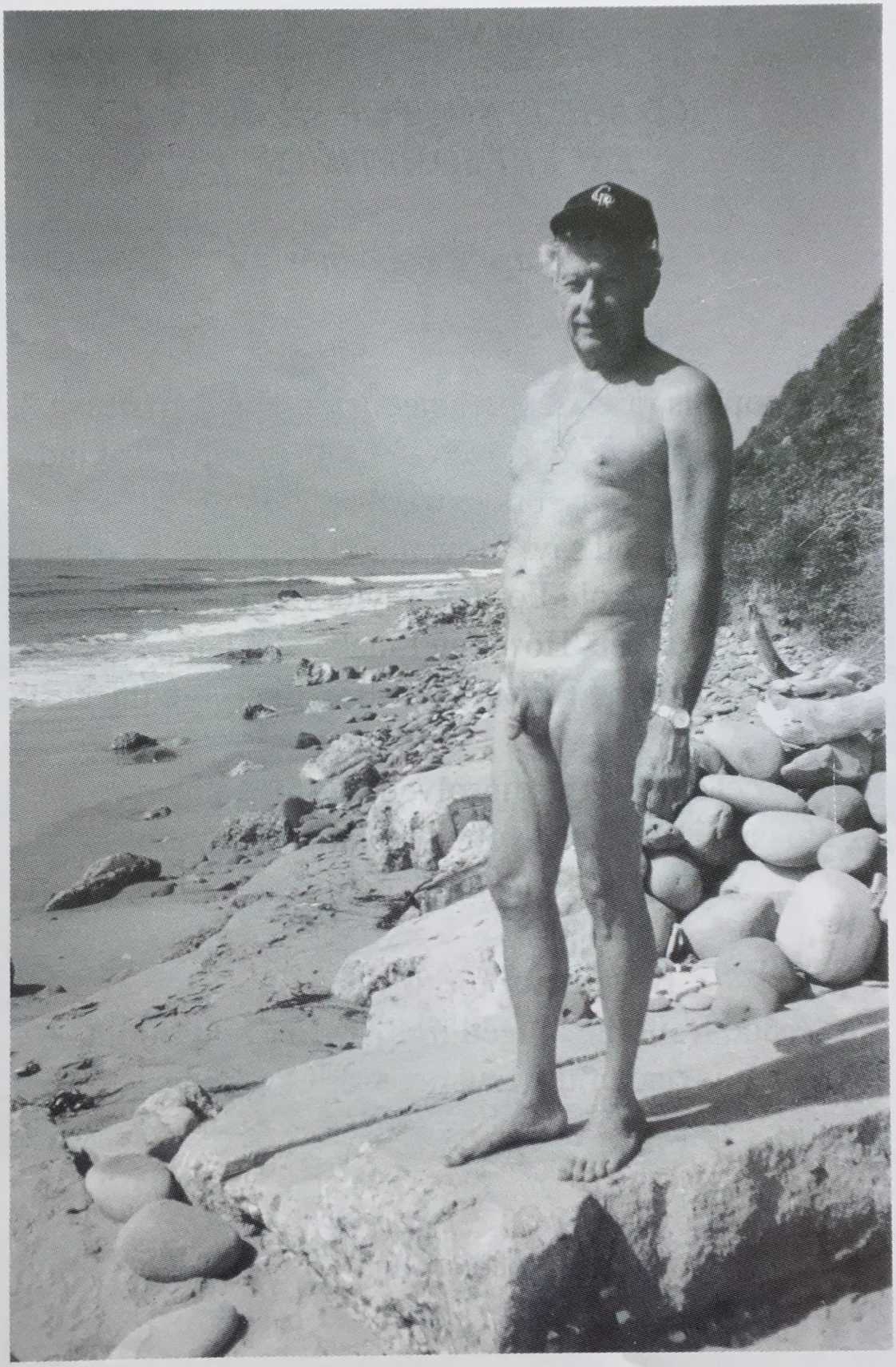

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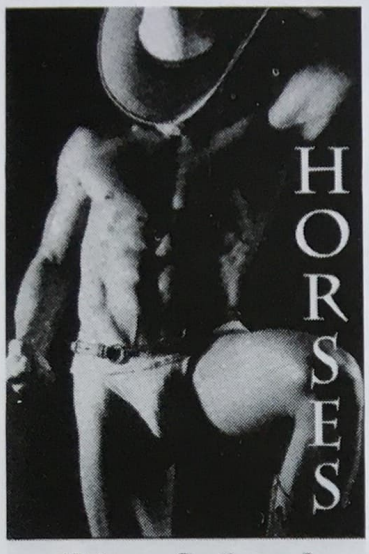

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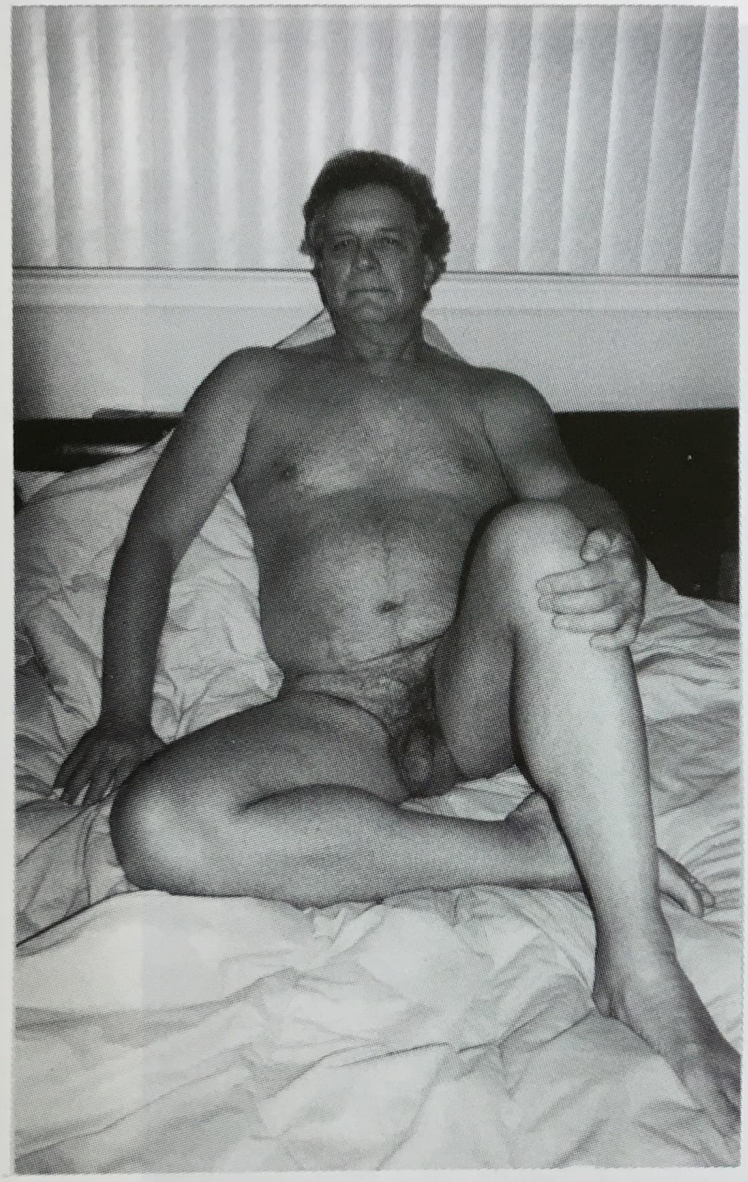

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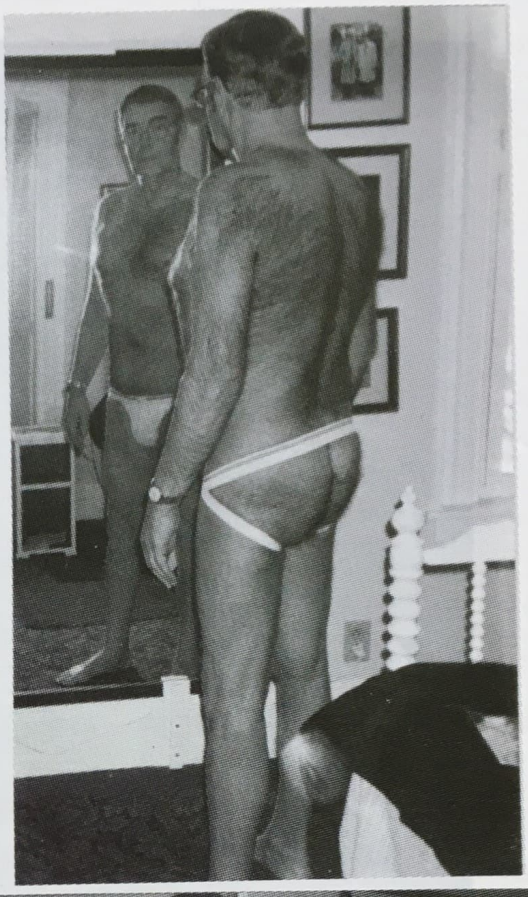

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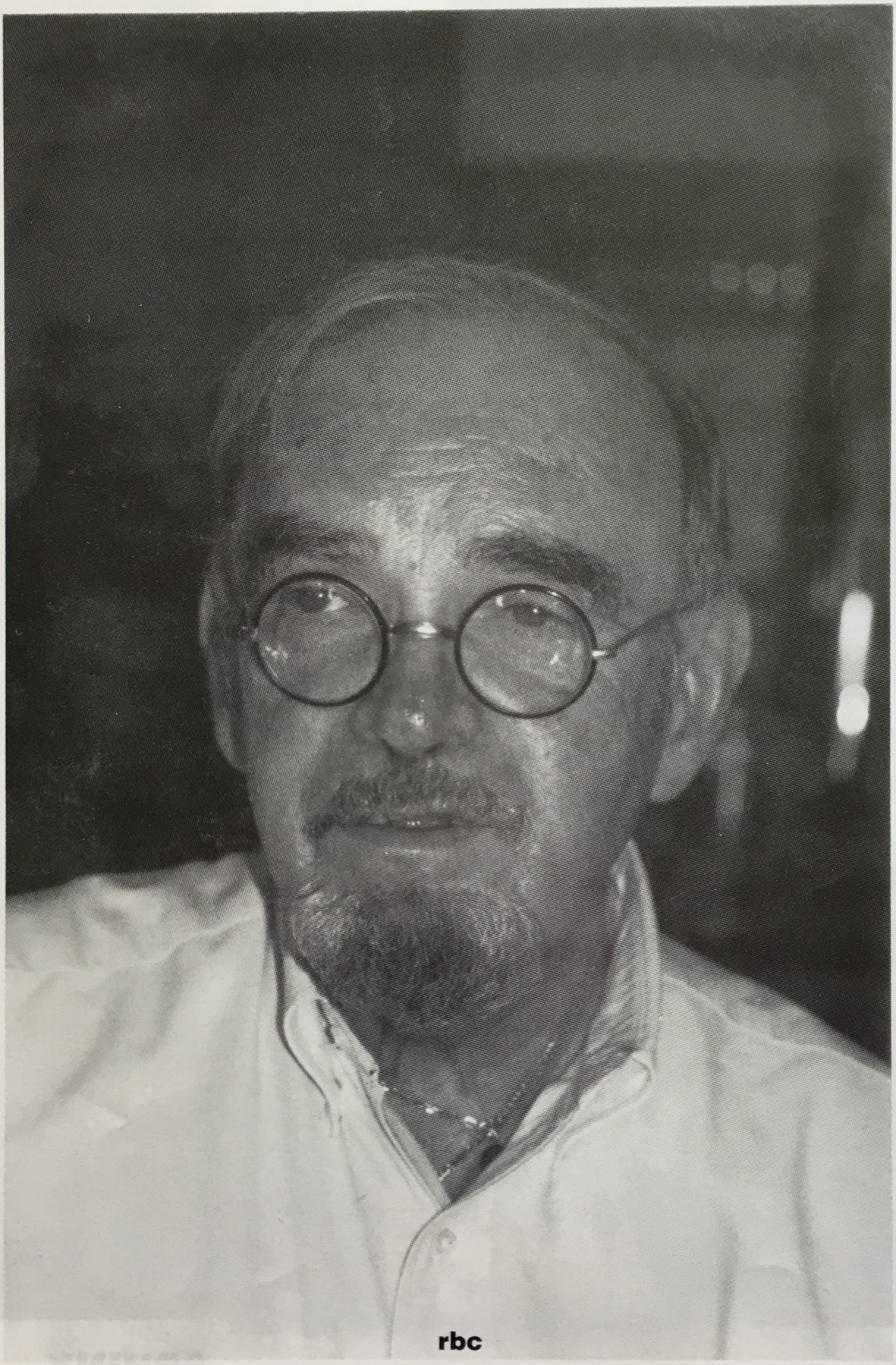

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THE CONTACT NETWORK

ALABAMA

(4/98) ALABAMA/INTERNATIONAL: In-shape, healthy, retired, 5'-6", 143#, still frisky at 70. Like travel, nature, photography, and parks. Letters, photos exchanged with active, 55+ men for friendship and meetings. Write: **GOODY**

ARIZONA

(4/98) ARIZONA/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 60, 6 ft., 250#, HIV negative, looking for someone 30-60 for friendship and possible LTR, if compatible. Light drinker and smoker okay. No drugs. Looks and body not important, but heart and soul are. I am a student who is training to become travel agent. Love to travel. Just learning computers. Enjoy most forms of safe sex. Your photo gets mine: **BAREKAT**

ARKANSAS

(4/98) ARKANSAS/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 51, 6'-1", 180#, athletic, fit, independent, closeted, non-gay scene, HIV negative. Seeking quality gentleman, 65+, with good heart, mind, character. Must have totally straight, masculine appearance. Prefer bi, non-gay scene gentlemen, white. Exchange photos. Roland, Box 4302, Little Rock, AR 72214.

CALIFORNIA-NORTH

(4/98) SIERRA FOOTHILLS/WESTERN STATES: GWM, 66, 5'-7", 140#, physically sound, emotionally stable, financially secure, non-drinker, seeking an affectionate, mature gentleman for friendship, hopefully leading to a meaningful relationship. I enjoy classic cars, outdoors, travel, and learning new things. Write: M.K., P.O. Box 1473, Jamestown, CA or call (209) 533-8647.

CALIFORNIA-SOUTH

(4/98) BURBANK/SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: Fun-loving and happily horny, masculine and versatile GWM seeks assertive man. Size, age, potency not important; responsiveness is. You are masculine and you kiss and hug passionately. I am 65, 5'-10", 215#, 6" cut, hairy, talented and enthusiastic. Extra-special feature: I am also one-half of newly merged pair open to occasional threesome. Partner is masculine, erudite, hairy and was a total virgin until the age of 71!! Now 76, 5'-7", 150#, 5" cut and thick, he's a quick, easy learner. You are virile, 25-45, medium body, cut and hung medium to small. HIV negative required. Hairy a plus. We are open to ideas. Twosome or threesome available. Try us. Write: Fred M., Box 6884, Burbank, CA 91510.

(4/98) SAN DIEGO/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 54, 5'-11", 235#, salt-pepper, moustache, smooth chest, masculine, discreet, seeks to 60 for friendship and fun. Enjoy outdoors/nature, photography, nudity, exploring safe and sensual encounters (e.g.. massage, etc.). Only correspond with those can meet at some time. Write: Ed R., P.O. Box 90465, San Diego, CA 92169.

(2/98) LONG BEACH/NATIONWIDE/INTERNATIONAL: GBM, 56, 6'-1", 210#, sincere, caring, romantic, adventurous, passionate, enjoys music, traveling, movies/theater, reading, gardening, entertaining at home, etc., seeks 28-45, stocky with similar interests. I'm masculine, bald, attractive, mustache, healthy HIV negative, have exciting professional career/secure. Looking for friendship, celebration of life, love and more. Letter with photo/phone to Tom Rogers, 2100 E. 2nd St. #503, Long Beach, CA 90803.

(2/98) SO. CALIF/SAN FERNANDO VALLEY/L.A. COUNTY: Handsome WM, 5'-9", 175#, 43, cut/hung and well-groomed. Seeking a WM (married okay), 35 to 65, who is clean, cut, well-hung, and a good teacher. I'm new to this and willing to learn. I enjoy the outdoors, water, golf and football season. Please respond with photo (nude if possible) and letter to: Edward J., P.O. Box 950093, Mission Hills, CA 91395.

(2/98) SO. CALIFORNIA: WM, 40, 6 ft., 185#, nice looking, masculine, muscular, hard-working, "regular guy," seeks relationship with mature man, 40-60. Must be masculine. Pluses include stocky build, 200# or more, and uncut—but not required. I enjoy weight training, sports and snow skiing. I can travel. Write: Mike, 5580 La Jolla Blvd., #485, La Jolla, CA 92037.

(2/98) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: ME: High energy, dynamic, gym-addict, reader, traveler, movie/theatre-goer, 58 yrs, 5'-8-1/2", 168#, oral addict, sensitive nipples. YOU: 45-60, high energy, intelligent, OK shape, healthy, reasonably endowed, sincere, live within 30 mins of North Hollywood. Send photo. Martin, Ste. 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

(4/98) DESERT/INTERNATIONAL: GWM, 74, 6 ft., 155#, nonsmoker, no drugs, HIV negative, seeks same, 45-70, for friendship and more. Enjoy traveling, reading, videos. Appreciate photo. Enjoy uncut. Write: J.D., Postal Annex, 17100 Bear Valley Road #B253, Victorville, CA 92392.

(2/98) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA/NATIONWIDE: GBM, 45, 5'-8", 185#, black hair, 'stash, seeks 30-78 for friendship and maybe more. I enjoy photography, reading, movies, cooking, travel, and the outdoors. Your photo (will return) will get a prompt reply. M.W., P.O. Box 8511, Universal City, CA 91608-8511.

(2/98) LOS ANGELES/NATIONWIDE: Friends desired. All ages, sizes, colors, cultures. GWM; 74; 6 ft; 165#; not opposed to drink, dope, tobacco. I enjoy new, strange (crazy?) ideas (and people). Many interests—including: art; classical music (Vivaldi to Glass); history (especially Medieval, ancient, Oriental, all cultures); languages; some areas of math; philosophy (including my own); poetry (used to help edit a well-known Little Mag—now out of touch); psychology (especially so-called abnormal); oh, yes: and sex! All letters answered. Milton Van Sickle, 1227 N. Gower St., #215, Los Angeles, CA 90038-1826.

(4/98) LAGUNA HILLS: GWM, 5'-11", 160#, HIV negative, affectionate, honest, retired, seeks GWM, 50-75, for friendship/relationship. I enjoy walks, cooking, gardening, traveling. Your photo (will return) and phone number will get prompt reply. Write: W.O.C., 321-A Avenida Carmel, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

(4/98) SANTA BARBARA/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 67, 6'-1", 180#, blond/gray, blue, nonsmoker, nondrinker, HIV negative, seeks trim, 35-65, friend/lover for sharing home, garden, travel, movies, massage (licensed), cooking, dining, loving, intimacy. Write with photo (returned) to Alan Fisher, P.O. Box 40333, Santa Barbara, CA 93130, or call (805) 565-0169.

(4/98) SAN DIEGO COUNTY/SOUTHERN CA: Fun 68, 6 ft., 175#, GWM, gray/hazel, clean-shaven, seeks honest, intelligent, slim, 30-40, clean-shaven, affectionate man who is sincerely appreciative of older men. I like humor, being at home, antiques, simple life. Light drink/smoke okay. No drugs. I am HIV negative, French A/P, Greek P. Your heart and mind more important than looks. Your photo (will return) will get a prompt reply. Write; M. Murphy, P.O. Box 2206, Carlsbad, CA 92018, or call (760) 434-2336.

FLORIDA

(6/98) SOUTH BEACH (MIAMI): GWM, 60, 6 ft., 189#, salt & pepper, HIV negative. Loves cooking, traveling, walking. Seeks 30-55 GM, manly, for possible long-term relationship. Affection and sensual a plus. Photo and phone number gets a quick reply: **DUKE**

(2/98) MID-FLORIDA COUPLE: 36/41, both bearded, hairy, HIV + (Mark), HIV - (Rick), seeking 3rd person, 30-? Seeking sincere people for friendship and more. Seeking 3rd person to share our love, dogs and home. Seek people like STORMY (#78); RUSTY, BEACHBOY, WOLFSHADOW (#77); and FLORIDA NATIVE, SARASOTA LITTLE BIT, MEXICAN RANCHER (#80). Call (904) 740-8862

(6/98) FLORIDA, SOUTHWEST: Roommate wanted. Bi/W/M, 65, 5'-11", 190#, seeks permanent roommate over 55 to relocate in sunny Florida. Rent to own. Friendship, companionship, soul mate, serious only. Write: R.C., P.O. Box 4038, North Ft. Myers, FL 33918, or call 941-656-3911.

(4/98) SOUTH FLORIDA/NATIONWIDE: Wanted: Man in Recovery. Sober GWM, 36, 5'-8", 160#, brown hair/eyes, hairy body, HIV negative, seeks that special someone, 55-80, to share life with. You: Spiritually and emotionally connected, in recovery, loving and honest, stable and secure, who wants to grow together in a caring, intimate relationship. I can relocate if needed. For prompt reply, include photo and phone number. **RICH C**

(4/98) FLORIDA/NATIONWIDE: GWM couple, 67, 5'-11", 215#, bald on top; and 67, 5'-11", 240#, light brown hair. Seeking singles or couples (45 to 80), honest, clean, drug-free, HIV negative, French-mutual, for friendship and sex. Nonsmokers preferred. Social drinkers okay. Write (photo appreciated): **TEDDY & TIGER** - e-mail: **tig69ted@aol.com**

(4/98) NATIONWIDE: GWM, 57, 5'-11", 195#, am looking for an older senior, 65-80. I'm HIV negative, gray hair, clean, no facial hair, nonsmoker, affectionate, considered good looking. Seek fun, intimacy, and good times with senior who has no facial hair, is nonsmoker, and loves sex. Visiting South Florida? Send photo. Will exchange photo and phone, e-mail. Write: **SENIOR57**

(2/98) FLORIDA: Early 70s, 5'-8", 160#, seeking life partner, early 20s to late 40s. Looking for a stable relationship—someone who can relocate if necessary. No drugs. Good work ethics. Will exchange photos. **T.L.**

GEORGIA

(4/98) ATLANTA/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 65, 6'-3", 215#, salt & pepper 'stache, hairy body, bald, swimmer's build, masculine, CR model (CRC #9), retired professor, single, seeks GWM, 30-50, emotionally and financially secure, no smoking/drugs/excessive drinking, fun-loving, masculine, in-shape, for companionship and safe sex. DIXIE DICK, 1791 Slopewood Bend, Marietta, GA 30062-1874. Fax: (770) 977-8233.

(4/98) ROSWELL, GEORGIA: GWM, 80, 5'-10-1/2", 220#, brown eyes, gray/white hair, 5" cut, widower, retired teacher, affectionate, masculine, seeking nonsmoker, no drugs, moderate drinker, 60-85, for friendship, pen-pal and more. Enjoy hugging, kissing, fondling, mutual J/O, French A/P. Your photo with phone # gets prompt reply. Inquire: **ROBI**

ILLINOIS

(4/98) ILLINOIS/NATIONWIDE: Old hippie seeks tall, lanky, cool dude, 55+. If you like sharing, fun times and good memories, I may be the one for you. Am 5'-8" 140#, ravaged-looking, devoted, a cuddler, and solvent. Write: H. Goldstein, 829 Aldine, Garden Apt., Chicago, IL 60657.

KANSAS

(2/98) KANSAS/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 48, 6 ft., 155#, brown/brown, HIV negative, seeks new friends, 55 to 80, preferably slim to medium build for friendship and fun. Enjoy movies, dining out, and auto racing. Your telephone number and photo will get prompt reply. Write: **THE MECHANIC**

(2/98) NATIONWIDE: BM, 32, 6'-1", 180#, sincere, goal-oriented, HIV negative, nonsmoker, on a once-in-a-lifetime search for an established, 40-70, lover/friend, any race, for a serious long-term relationship. Able to relocate. S.J.L., Box 5774, Topeka, KS 66605.

MAINE

(4/98) NATIONWIDE/INTERNATIONAL: 54, 5'-11", 185#, masculine, healthy, vigorous, into culture: baroque opera and actively and ambitiously involved in figurative drawing and painting portraits/nudes professionally. Seeking colleagues, students, models, patrons, comrades, lover. Please be clean, honest, healthy, sincere, vital, and enjoy life, art, love, and sex. Eager to connect. **ARTIST**

MARYLAND

(10/98) MARYLAND: GWM, 39, 5'-8", 180#, single, brown/blue, salt & pepper beard, well-built, seeks 45-70 buddy/daddy who is into racing, NHRA, IHRA. To start team for next season. Have car and knowledge, boxers and silk boxers. Powerboating as well. Too many options to list. Smokers and drinkers fine. Humor a must. Please, no open relationships, married men or reformers. Yours gets mine. Would like to meet someone with similar interests. A.C., P.O. Box 578, Owings, MD 20736.

(4/98) NATIONWIDE: GWM Couple, 66, 5'-8", 165#, s/p, blue, cut, well-hung; and 34, 6'-3", 235#, blue, brown, cut average. Both clean-shaven and moderately hairy. Seek males 40-70 for fun and friendship. Clean-shaven and well-hung a plus. Write: Chad and Morgan, 115 S. Meadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

MASSACHUSETTS

(6/98) BOSTON/NATIONWIDE: GHM, 38, 5'-6", 230#, Black/black, smooth body, into husky/hairy bears (manly). Love music, theatre, good times (hopefully more). J.R., P.O. Box 35081, Brighton, MA 02135.

MICHIGAN

(8/98) MICHIGAN/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 37, 5'-7", 155#, brown hair/eyes, mustache, masculine, discreet, honest, caring, very affectionate, presently in open relationship. Looking for older man between 50-75 for friendship and maybe more if the right spark is there. I prefer grandpa or masculine types over 50 yrs and 200 pounds, chubby or fat, with big firm belly and butt. Grey or white hair, balding, lots of body hair, beard or mustache, under 5'-7". Over 5'-7" should be over 250#. A nicely shaped large butt is a big plus. Send letter with photo to: G.S., P.O. Box 531472, Livonia, MI 48153-1472.

MISSISSIPPI

(4/98) BILOXI: Retired professor desires to meet clergy, professional men, blacks. Am 71 years of age, Christian worker in church. Am available for travel to visit and for visitors to see me in my apartment. Write: J.W., P.O. Box 4056, Biloxi, MS 39535.

MISSOURI

(4/98) ST. LOUIS: Hello to all, two nudists here. We are fun-loving, down to earth guys who love sex but also want long-term friendships. We're clean and healthy, into cock enlargement, jock straps, leather. Also into organic gardening, both vegetables and flowers. Love to share ideas on gardening, cock enlargement, and would love to meet friends. We're 52 and 62. Come visit and try our home-cooked food and true, sincere friendship. Will answer all and drive to meet all. Age, race not important. Just be clean and healthy and drug-free. Come on, guys, do write. Love you all! Art and Paul, 10360 Concord School Road, St. Louis, MO 63128.

NEVADA

(2/98) RENO/NATIONWIDE: 60ish guy seeks friends/pen-pals. Likes: railroads, travel, musicals, architecture. Rick: (702) 329-2474.

NEW JERSEY

(4/98) INTELLIGENT, LOYAL FRIEND: sincere, caring and affectionate. BiWM, 69, 5'-11", 165#; interests include cultural, scientific, spiritual, sexual. Me: Dignified, balding, fit, HIV negative. You: Mature (any age), enjoy intimacy, communication, control. Ken (201) 592-6690, 6-11:30 pm or weekends. Will return all calls.

(2/98) NEW JERSEY: GWM, 36, 6 ft., 170#. Enjoys sports, hiking, cultural events. Seeking conservative type, GWM, 50+, masculine, clean-shaven, sincere, loyal, emotionally/financially secure and discreet for LTR. Gray hair, cigar aficionado a plus. Write: E.N., P.O. Box 521, Califon, NJ 07830.

(4/98) NEW JERSEY/NATIONWIDE: Asian, 41, 5'-6", 160#, attracted to older men over 60. Enjoy loving and being loved. Would like to meet someone for friendship or more. Plan to go to San Diego for the gathering and open for the right person to share the good times together. Photo appreciated. Write: D.L., P.O. Box 298, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

NORTH CAROLINA

(2/98) WORLDWIDE: GWM, 49, 5'-4", 170#, smoker, dentures, seeks pen-pals with photo exchange from stocky-heavyset men. Nude photos most welcome. Prefer over 40, but all letters will be acknowledged. Write: Richard M. Yeatts, 936 Wenco Drive, Lexington, NC 27292.

OKLAHOMA

(2/98) NATIONWIDE/INTERNATIONAL: GWM exec, 54, 6'-5", 240#, brown/blue, eclectic, sensual, romantic, seeks 25-65+, preferably versatile, for friendship and more, possibly including monogamous long-term relationship. Enjoy nature, travel, quiet relaxing pursuits, modest/honest/unpretentious people/life-style. Particularly interested in European and Asian (Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian, Sri Lankan) men. Write with photo (explicit if you wish): **HAWK**

PENNSYLVANIA

(4/98) PENNSYLVANIA/NATIONWIDE: GWM, 31, 6'-2", 265#, clean-cut country boy with broad shoulders, seeks men, 45+, husky to heavy builds, hairy a plus. Have various interests. Send letters, photo if possible, to H.G. Bartley, P.O. Box 7, Forrestville, PA 16035.

TEXAS

(8/98) TEXAS: NATIONWIDE: GM, 42, masculine, handsome, 5'-8", husky, clean-cut, loyal, sincere, and passionate. Seeking monogamous long-term relationship with a sincere white male over 60 (no facial hair). K.O., P.O. Box 704, Cedar Park, TX 78630, or call Kevin @(512) 846-3821.

UTAH

(10/98) WESTERN STATES/NATIONWIDE: 59, 195#, athletic, good shape, love all sports, hairy chest, hung, masculine, nice guy, HIV negative, French A/P, safe, discreet. Seeks hairy GWM, masculine, average to large equipment, nice guy, no kink, married okay. Pluses: stocky (not real heavy), extra hairy, bald, facial hair. All answered. Looks or age not important. Sincerity is. **DAN MACK**

VIRGINIA

(12/98) GEN XER, GBM: from Maryland, 6'-1", 275#, cute, and looking for a Dad. I'm a guy into all sizes, races, etc. Interests range from reading and writing to computers, music and just having fun. Sexually, I'm into it all. E-mail: **yng1@tomco.net**, or contact Nate, P.O. Box 13411, Arlington, VA 22219.

WASHINGTON

(4/98) NATIONWIDE/INTERNATIONAL: World-traveling man seeks friends around the world to share adventures with. I ski at Sun Valley, Idaho, sail on Puget Sound, and travel extensively. I'm 6'-1", 215#, 61, hairy, bearded, affectionate, and aggressive. If you want to know a man who has a good heart, let me hear from you. Photo/phone appreciated. Sam, Box 5132, Everett, WA 98206, or call (206) 292-1096.

WISCONSIN

(2/98) DAD (68) AND SON (50): Seeking new friends in NW Wisconsin, Upper Peninsula, and Minnesota. On a secluded lake, we enjoy swimming, hiking, good food and wine, nudism. Dads, sons and granddads welcome. Photo, please. Write: **LOONAR**

INTERNATIONAL

(NOTE: Letters to coded advertisers will be returned to sender if postage is insufficient.)

(4/98) CENTRAL MEXICO: GWM, 60, 5'-11", 240#, thinning blond-grey hair, hairy chest, father of three adult children, seeks correspondence from men, 18-50. If you smoke and drink socially, that's fine. I do as well. I am a still-working, self-employed professional who enjoys music (country to classical), cooking, entertaining, gardening, travel, reading, great conversation, and mutually pleasurable hot, hot sex. I am HIV negative and you should be as well. Looks not important as long as you are passionate and our interests in and out of bed mesh. A casual relationship? Absolutely. A long-term relationship? Definitely. Write: **AMIGO**

(2/98) CANADA: Retired professional and faithful friend of CR, living on Canada's East Coast. Tall, well-proportioned body. Nonsmoker, light drinker, HIV negative. Honest, sincere, faithful. Lots of love and tender care. Light social activities, sports. Wants to hear from juniors and young seniors. I'm looking for a committed, monogamous relationship with the right person. Write: **CBJ**

(4/98) RIO DE JANEIRO/WORLD-WIDE: GBM, 35, 5'-9", 140#, bearded, friendly, humorous. Enjoys travels, beaches, movies, plays, going out with friends, quiet evenings at home, cuddling, safe sex, top. Seek 45-60, salt and pepper, hairy, bearded (a plus). Pen-pals welcome. Photo gets reply. Especially interested in hearing from those in UTAH. Write: N.H., CP3586, Rio de Janeiro/RJ, 20.000-970, BRAZIL.

(4/98) ARGENTINA: GWM Caucasian, 58, 5'-7", 150#, 7" uncut, HIV negative, brown hair, grey-green eyes, hairy chest, healthy, slim, masculine, versatile, good-looking, successful professional, retired, secure, and independent. Likes travel, theatre, reading, music, arts, nature, beaches, gym, hiking, and all good things of life. No smoking, light drinking, no drugs. Based in Argentina, spends long seasons in USA and Europe. Looking for a nice, charming, fit, slim/muscular, attractive, masculine silver fox, a man's man. Write: R.M.Z., CC 94, Suc 48, 1448 Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA.

(4/98) INTERNACIONAL: Somos dos amigos, Brasileiro y Argentino de 60 y 55 años. Procuramos amigos, robustos o gorditos, "GWM," mayores de 45 años. Apreciariamos retrato. Podemos hospedar. Escribir: Juan V. Soulet, Rua Conde Lage, 54/101, CEP 20241-080, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL. E-mail: **juar@antares.com.br**

(4/98) GERMANY: GWM, 53, 5'-9", 210#, healthy, professional, seeking friends older than me, chubbies welcome. I like reading, music, art, nature, nudity and traveling. Live alone in the country in Bavaria near Salzburg and can have visitors. I am versatile, like to

please. Letter with photo gets mine. Write to: H.W. Bernt, Hinterschnaitt 1, 83317 Teisendorf, GERMANY.

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(2/98) MOSCOW: 19 yrs, 178cm, 60 kg, brown eyes, dark hair, slim and muscular body, sexy and romantic. I am looking for a very honest and sexy friend for long-term friendship and I hope love. Write: Alexander Malikin, dom 83-A, kv. 11, ul. Nizegorodskaya, 10952 Moscow, RUSSIA.

(2/98) MOSCOW: 25-year-old lad, 179cm, 60 kg, slim, fair hair, bright eyes, great dreamer. I'm looking for honest and sincere friend for closed friendship. I need you very much. Write: Michael Hoh, 5 kvartral Kapotny, dom 1, kv. 114, 109649 Moscow, RUSSIA.

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COMMERCIAL

(12/97) WASHINGTON STATE: The great Northwest has many attractions, such as the ultimate massage by BEAR. For details, call (206) 328-3896.

(2/98) 1998 DESERT MEN CALENDAR still available. Printed or Windows screen saver format. Send SASE to: Calendar, P.O. Box 2574, Palm Springs, CA 92263, or visit our website at **http://visitweb.com/The_T-Room** or check us out on the Apollo Network.

THE FINE PRINT

1. COMMERCIAL RESPONSE TO PERSONAL ADS: The express purpose of our personal ads is to aid our readers in finding friends and mates. Any ads of a commercial nature must be placed in the commercial section. Readers responding to personal ads may not use such opportunity to distribute commercial materials. We reserve the right to deny advertising and forwarding privileges to any person found doing this.

2. PERSONAL ADVERTISER'S RESPONSIBILITY: Personal advertisers are urged to answer all mail received, provided the responder is generally the type of person targeted in the ad. We will deny advertising and forwarding privileges to flagrant, repeat offenders.

3. PUBLISHER'S LIMITATION OF RESPONSIBILITY: We take no responsibility for any undesirable relationship or experience resulting from the use of our classified ads, be they personal or commercial. We will monitor all ads and refuse to publish those which obviously imply fraud or peril. Very unsavory people have been known to use publications to victimize readers and advertisers. Seemingly innocent ads designed to lure as many readers as possible into a criminal scam or government sting operation are sometimes placed in erotic magazines. These people also respond to the ads of others with the same come-on. We urge our readers to use these ads with the utmost caution and common sense.

4. AGE REQUIREMENT: All responders and advertisers must be 18 or over. The exclusion of an age limitation in any ad does not constitute an invitation to minors.

5. OUTDATED ADS: Do not answer ads in older issues. People move and post office boxes change hands. Your letter could end up in the wrong hands. Unforwardable letters will be marked with a "U" and returned to sender.

6. SEXUALLY EXPLICIT ADS: We will not publish ads with sexually explicit or coarse language designed more for shock value than for attracting a partner. We reserve the right to edit, rewrite or reject ads.

7. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERING CODED ADS, which are those with BOLD code names at the end of the ad and no address:

>> Write, stamp and seal your letter inside a discreet envelope. Make sure you have enough postage for overweight and foreign letters. Your return address must be shown on your letter to be forwarded. If you do not have access to U.S. stamps, send $1 or 2 international reply coupons for every 3 letters (over and above the forwarding fee). Stamped letters not meeting the above requirements will be returned with no explanation. Letters with no stamps affixed will be shredded.

>> IN PENCIL ONLY, lightly write the code word in the center of the envelope.

>> **Figure your forwarding fee: $1 per every three letters to forward.**

For one (1) to three (3) letters, enclose $1
For four (4) to six (6) letters, enclose $2
For seven (7) to nine (9) letters, enclose $3, and so on.
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by ALASKA AL

Close your eyes and imagine an unforgettable journey aboard a luxuriously appointed floating palace, where your every whim is anticipated and instantly met. A castle, riding the waves that both embrace the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, that surrounded us with exquisite accommodations and myriad diversions. Cogitate being isolated, cut off for sixteen days ... in Paradise!

Imagine a rich tapestry of exotic ports-of-call, shimmering bays, powdery white beaches, languorous towns and villages, nestled in verdant green valleys, or along crystal-clear waters or even snuggled between towering green peaks, reaching from the clouds to the sea! Where the view was an unsullied horizon stretching as far as the eye could see. Remember the feeling of freedom you had as a kid, when fun was an uncomplicated pursuit, and the days ran lazily each into the next? It's that feeling I relived while sailing aboard the Norwegian Cruise Ship "Windward" out of San Juan this year.

After passing through the awesome locks of the Panama Canal, we ventured into the Pacific, stopping in lush and picturesque Costa Rica, exquisite and colorful Acapulco, then the upcoming resort towns of Zihuatenejo/Ixtapa and Puerto Vallarta, garden paradises all situated on the Pacific coast, stretching like a jeweled blanket along the Mexican Riviera. Then up the west coast, passing Southern California, entering the Bay of San Francisco, and finally ending our fantastic voyage in Vancouver a lifetime later.

On this extraordinary ship, during lazy days on the high seas, with the sun high in a flawless sky, we were pampered in three dining rooms, the Sportsman Bar, the Lucky Casino, the Observation Bar, and the Stardust Lounge, where we viewed Las Vegas style shows that didn't have to take a back seat to any great cabaret. We swam and/or sun-bathed in two swimming pools and relaxed in hot tubs, all filled with fresh sea water. The beauty salon catered to the women's every need, and the kids (there were only four on this cruise) were out of sight with their own mentors and game rooms.

There are over 600 cabin suites aboard this luxury liner, and most sport huge picture windows and private phones where, for the right price, one could call anywhere in the world. There were many ways to distract us from this fantastic scenery: basketball games, aerobics classes, volleyball tournaments, and even trapshooting off the aft deck. There was also a first-rate jogging track, a golf driving net, and a fully-equipped fitness center. They could oblige one with a massage, a sauna, or a soaking in the Jacuzzis outdoors. For those sports-minded neophytes, sporting events were broadcast live in the Sportsman Bar, and first-run movies played in our cabins.

And the FOOD! Oh, my ... that was a gourmet's adventure in itself! Talk about Fat City. One could dine on luxurious cuisine in elegant dining rooms, cozy dinners in the intimate Le Bistro and yes, even grilled burgers and hot dogs at the Bar & Grill. The "Chocoholic Buffet" was deadly. I never realized there were so many ways to prepare this basic staple. There were escargots to whet the appetite, lobster to titillate the senses, exotic dishes from the far corners of the world, and desserts that transported one to Valhalla. And if one really needed to be pampered, one could just pick up the phone and order from room service.

The ultimate treat for me was taking a personal tour of the kitchen, where these delicacies were prepared instantly and piping hot. The kitchen functioned like a finely tuned clock, with Chef Daly overseeing all the orders brought in by their most efficient waiters. This stainless steel marvel stretched as far as the eye could see, and sanitation was a constant watchword.

Interestingly enough, all food stuffs not consumed by either the passengers or the staff were ground up and, only while on the high seas, dumped deep down to feed the fishes! By hand, all papers and other foreign objects were salvaged and bagged for removal at the next port. Bread and pastries were baked daily, and I never saw one item repeated during the sixteen days aboard ship. Chef Daly told us that the cost of feeding 1200 cruise people and 600 staff for sixteen days was about $185,000.

When the illusive sun went down, we were entertained with night after night of comedy, music, and dancing. Jugglers performed, magicians amazed us with their tricks and both male and female singers catered to every taste. There were theme parties, dress-up nights, and casual evenings for relaxation and enjoyment. One of the highlights of the evening entertainment was a performance of Broadway's "George M," staged by the Jean Ann Ryan Company out of Miami. These wonderful and talented young people stayed on board the ship for the whole sixteen days and put on three memorable shows. Other performers boarded and were dropped off at every port-of-call, with variety the result. The MS Windward's own six-piece orchestra did an outstanding job backing the entertainers, as well as providing excellent dance music.

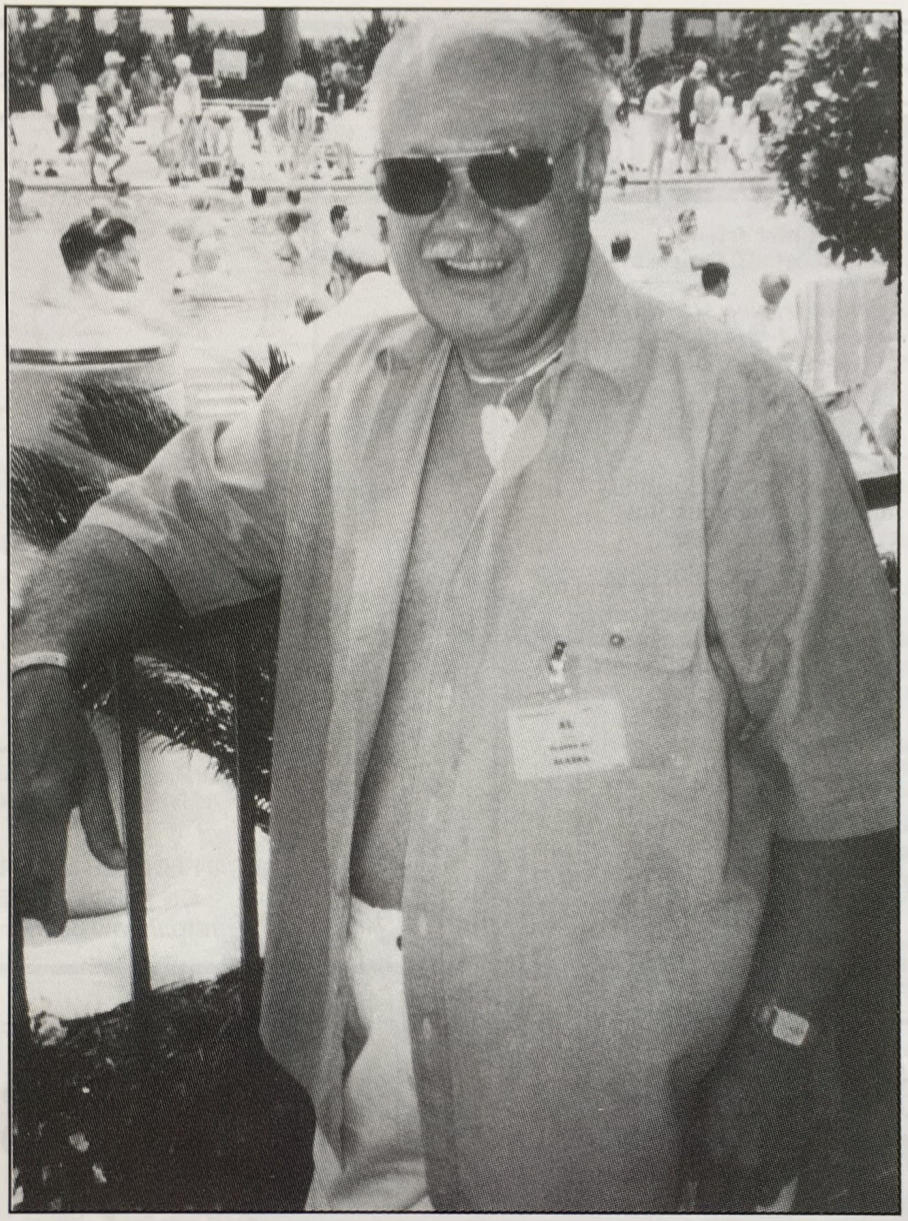
But our paramount reason for taking this cruise was, of course, crossing the Panama Canal, which must be considered one of the wonders of the world and stands as an awesome achievement for mankind. This unparalleled engineering triumph was made possible by an international work force under the leadership of American visionaries who made the centuries-old dream of uniting the two great oceans a reality.

The first survey was ordered by King Charles of Spain in 1534. In 1880 the French labored for over 20 years, but work was halted by disease and financial problems. In 1903 Panama and the U.S. signed a treaty by which the U.S. undertook to construct an inter-oceanic ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama. It was completed in ten years at a cost of $387 million.

A ship that transits the Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific is raised or lowered 85 feet in a continuous flight of three steps at the Gatun Locks. Then

the ship travels 24 miles across a man-made lake, drops back down 85 feet through another set of three locks and exits into the Pacific Ocean. The whole trip took us about eight hours and cost NCL a total of $86,000 for this one crossing. At the end of 1997 the operations and management of the Canal was turned over to Panama, but the U.S. will continue to defend the Canal from any aggression.

Interestingly enough, the average age of the men on board was about 65. Yes, most were retirees from all walks of life. Silver Foxes were in abundance, and surprisingly enough, there were very few singles. But I did find that one single and flirted with him outrageously! Another married guy came on to me, but his wife stuck to his side like Elmer's glue. Damn!



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I spent many delightful hours poolside, gazing at these wonders of nature, in skimpy shorts, with white bellies slowly turning pink ... then red! If attentive, one could get a glimpse of a testicle here and a cock there, but you had to be watching closely. Mark, our cruise director dripped lace at every performance but still did an outstanding job keeping us entertained. I day-dreamed of this ship filled with CR guests and members. What a time we could have had!

For the price, this cruise was an excellent buy, and I would recommend it to anyone. It cost us $2400 each, which included airfare from and to Anchorage. NCL has six cruise ships, and another is being built as I write. Their watchword is "service with a smile," and they certainly delivered it on this sailing.

Mike Deveau

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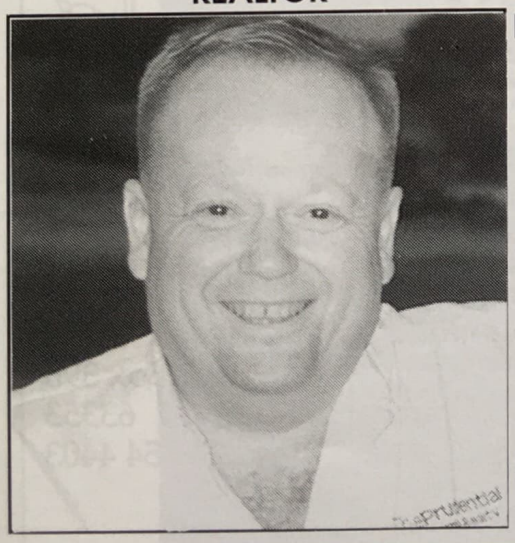

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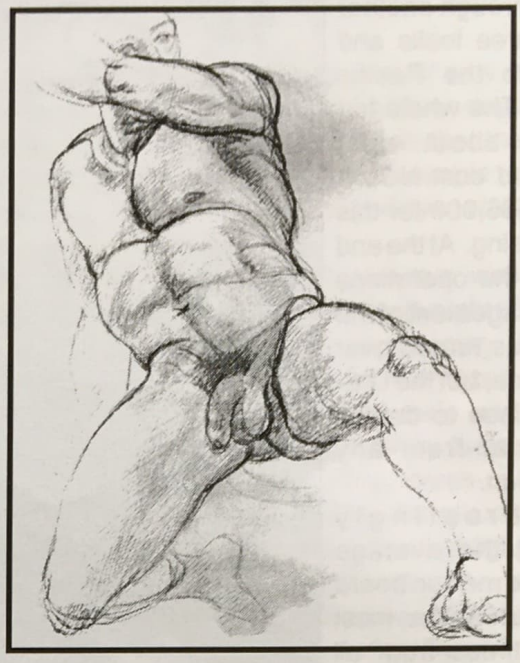

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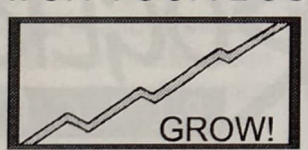

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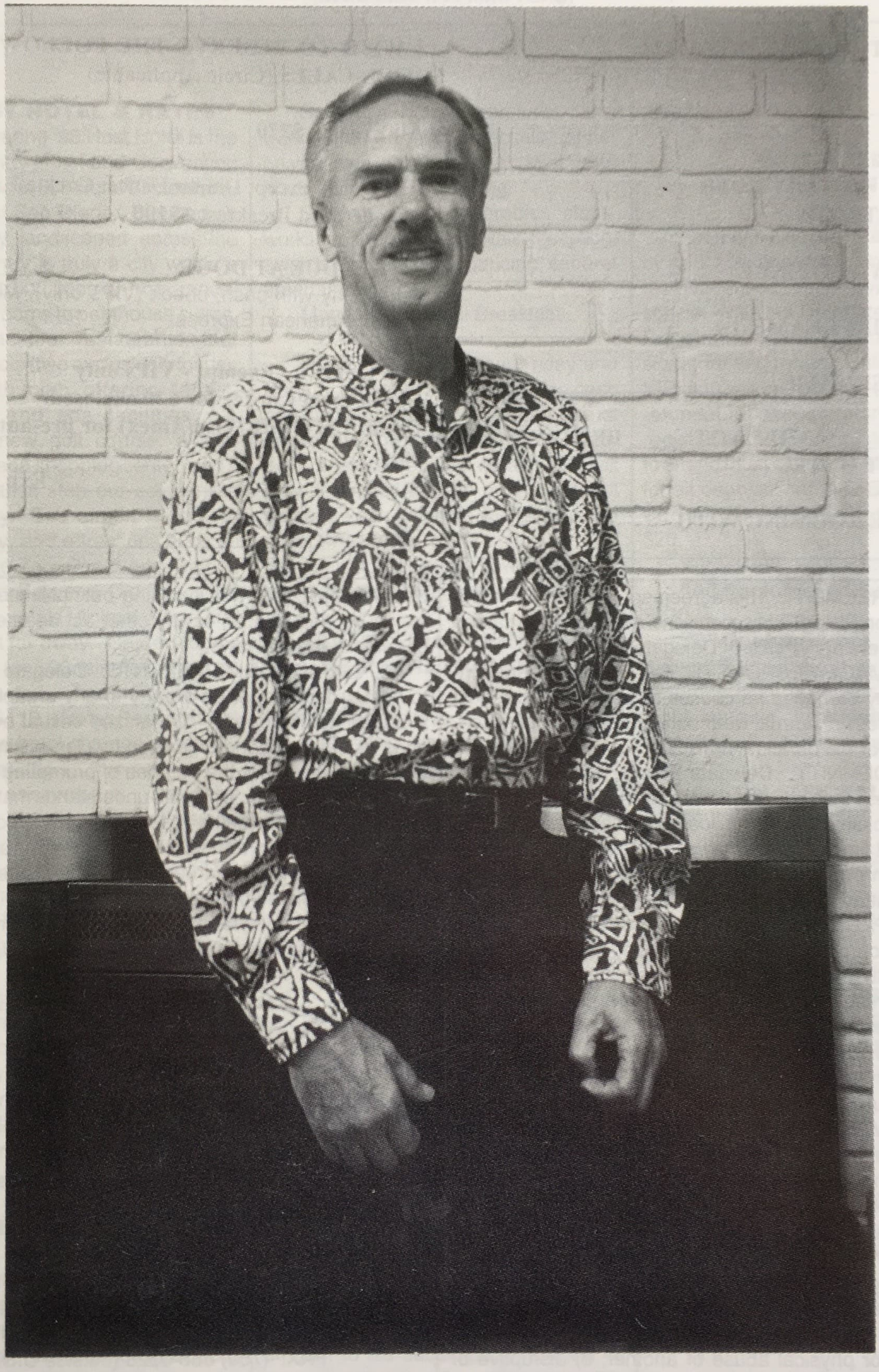

CHIRON RISING PUBLICATIONS, INC.

WILL-CALL REGISTRATION FORM AND DELEGATE AGREEMENT

(ONE FORM PER DELEGATE)

CONVENTION: SAN DIEGO '98

NAME _____
(please print legibly)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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BADGE FIRST NAME _____

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I WILL _____/ WILL NOT _____ BE STAYING AT THE HOST HOTEL

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I WISH TO RESERVE THE FOLLOWING FOR WILL-CALL: (Circle Applicable)

All Events: **$220**

All Events, except Dinner Dance, Cocktail Show, Banquet, and Breakfast: **$100**

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DEPOSIT: Exempt - VIPs only _____
Check/money order for $20 enclosed. _____
Credit Card (MC/Visa/Amex) for pre-authorization only.
#_____ **Exp.** _____

Signature: _____

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I have carefully read, fully understand, and agree to abide by the above agreement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Accepted: ____
Patrick H. Colley, President & CEO

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Hotel reservations are the responsibility of delegates and may be made by calling the Atlas Hotel chain toll-free number, (800) 77-ATLAS (772-8527). Tell the operator that you would like to make hotel reservations for the Chiron Rising Spring '98 Gathering at the Town & Country in San Diego. Foreign delegates, please call the Town & Country direct at (619) 291-7131. A prepayment of one night's deposit (by check, money order or major credit card) is required and is fully refundable if a written cancellation notice is received by the hotel more than 48 hours prior to arrival time.

THE CR EVENTS

Thursday: Early Badge/Wristband pickup, reception, cabaret entertainment.

Friday: Badge pickup, merchandise sales, reception, dinner dance with Haute Chile, cabaret entertainment.

Saturday: Water aerobics class, workshops, art exhibit, recitals, dinner on your own, gala cocktail show starring Mark & Clark, D.J. dancing.

Sunday: Water aerobics class, workshops, art exhibit, recitals, reception, awards banquet, D.J. dancing, cabaret entertainment.

Monday: Farewell Breakfast

NOTE: The Thursday, Friday and Sunday cocktail parties will utilize cash bars, which means that delegates must pay for their own beverages (except for beverages served with meals). CR will provide limited snacks during cocktail parties. Each delegate will receive two complimentary drinks during the Saturday night cocktail show. Additional drinks must be purchased at cash bars.

ADVANCE PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION FEES

Note: No advance registration sales will be made after 4/15/98. Only will-call reservations will be taken after that date.

"A" Package - includes all events: thru 4/15/98: $200.

"B" Package - includes all events except Friday night dinner dance, Saturday night cocktail show, Sunday night banquet, and Monday morning breakfast: $85 per person thru 4/15/98.

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WILL-CALL REGISTRATION FEES

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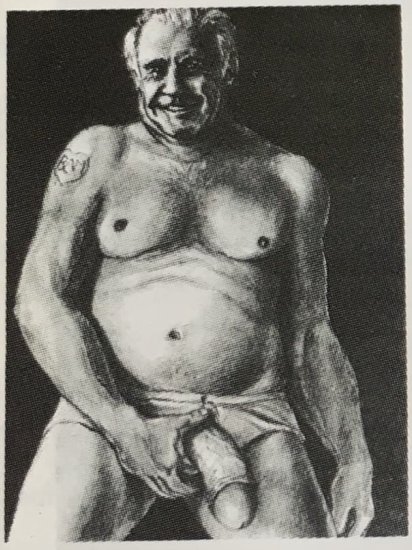

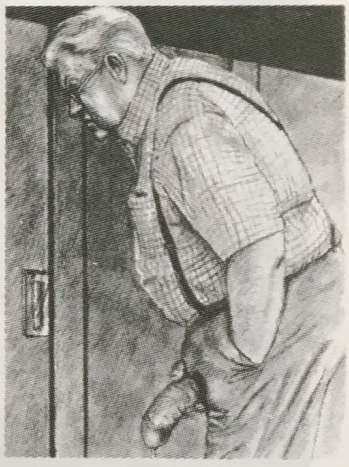

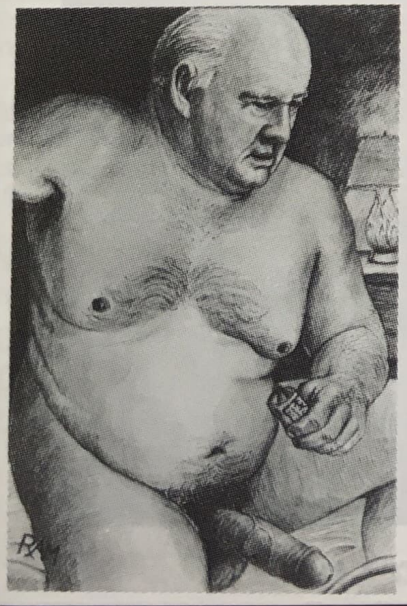

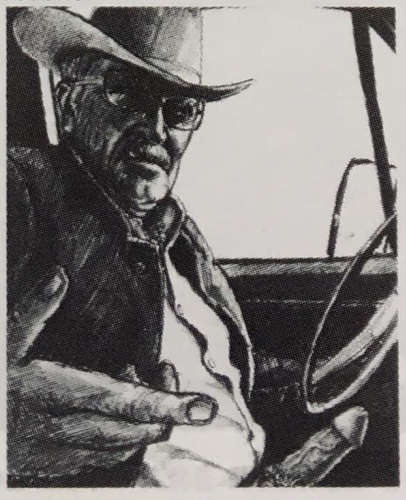

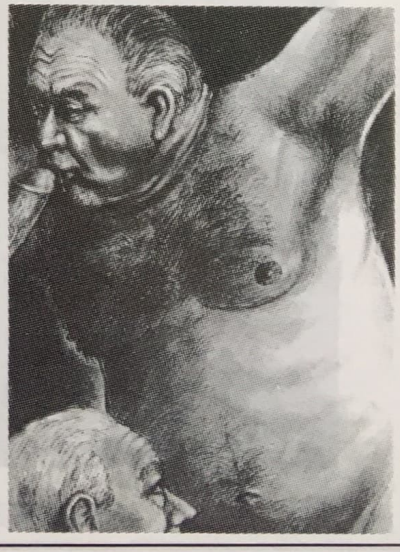

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My name and address: John Derringer
1840 Calle Donde Esta
Salt Lake City, UT 84199

The pricing calculation for my ad is enclosed (from page 55).

I authorize the printing of the above ad and take full responsibility for any incident or relationship resulting therefrom. I am over the age of 18.

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BODY VIGOROUS

A CUTTING EDGE LOOK AT MATURE MEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

NIFTY WEBSITES

For health-conscious seniors:

www.thirdage.com
an upbeat health source

www.aarp.org
a comprehensive hot list of medical links from AARP

www.ama-assn.org/insight
current news from the AMA and help finding a physician

www.aoa.dhhs.gov/elderpage.html
a directory of organizations for the elderly

seniors-site.com
hot links and bulletin boards

HIV

Three groups of scientists have received $2 million from the European Union for experiments on a new kind of HIV vaccine on humans. The groups in Germany, Sweden and Finland are developing a new genetic vaccine to prevent healthy human cells from being infected after HIV contagion. In three years there will be results on whether the new vaccine will work on humans. So far, there have been very promising tests on animals.

The trial is based on transplanting three genes from the HI-virus into humans. The genetic vaccine is presumed to induce resistance against the virus and prevent them from exiting from the infected human cells, thus preventing the further escalation into uninfected cells.

Each of the three groups starts experimenting with the genetic vaccine with 15 people recently infected by HIV. The scientists say they first work on proving it is safe to transplant HIV genes into human cells. In the next phase they will try to discover the most effective combination of the three HIV genes to produce maximum immunity against the virus and protection against its contagiousness. In this phase there will also be some uninfected healthy test humans.

If everything works out fine, after three years, there will be an exhaustive field test with a large number of people, but in that case the groups will need a lot more money and a large pharmaceutical company to cooperate with.

There are also some experiments on the genetic HIV vaccine going on or about to start in the U.S.

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MORE NATURAL METHODS

I've seen lots of articles on "wonder drugs" in the past couple of years, but not too much on the natural methods. At the beginning of 1997 I got a little concerned as my blood pressure was getting to around 139/90, and I seemed to continuously gain weight, even though I did try dieting. Then when my mother (who has been dieting for years and is a small-framed person) found out her cholesterol was 260+, I decided to do something about myself. I went to a community home show and found out about "Juice Plus." After taking the two fruit capsules in the morning and the two vegetable capsules in the evening with meals, I starting realizing some nice changes at about four months. In late September, I had a physical and found that:

<blood pressure dropped to 128/82
<triglycerides dropped to 62
<cholesterol dropped to 151 from 240

I supplemented the Juice Plus with oat bran tablets, lecithin granules, and odorless garlic, which are all good at reducing cholesterol. Not only the above happened, but I lost 12 pounds without even trying or changing my eating habits. I know this sounds like a sales pitch, and it may very well be, but I wanted to let you know that there are natural alternatives out there that do work. I also take St. John's Wort for mild depression. There are a lot of herbs on the market also that can help with a sundry of common ailments. I have taken lots of vitamins and minerals since the 1970s, which is why I think "Juice Plus" and the herbs work so good on me. The enzyme activity and the detoxification that "Juice Plus" aids your body in doing can only be a great big help. If you or your readers need any more information, feel free to contact me, Doug, at P.O. Box 3006, Rapid City, SD 57709, or call (605) 342-5195.

BETTER ERECTIONS

I wonder if I'm the only subscriber to CR in South Africa. I particularly enjoy the mature health issues in BODY VIGOROUS which are very informative and helpful. I read an article in a German magazine that there is a new medication in the U.S. market called Sildenafil. It is supposed to give a better erection. Is this correct? Can one purchase it without a prescription? On television here they were discussing a new tablet which will be on the U.S. market in early 98. It is also supposed to increase your erection. What is it called, and when will it be available? Compared to the medication "Alprostodil" which was discussed in your column, which is the better one? A more in-depth report on this issue will be appreciated. May CR go from strength to strength. Dieter/South Africa

Sildenafil is the generic name for Viagra, which was discussed in BODY VIGOROUS, CR 80. Viagra, an oral impotence medication, is manufactured by Pfizer and should be available in early 1998. Other oral impotence medications in development are phentolamine and apomorphine. Consult with your urologist or family doctor.

Alprostadil is an injectable drug for impotence, but it is more effective than the oral treatment. Alprostadil is effective in approximately 90% of cases, as compared to 59% for sildenafil.

P.H. Colley

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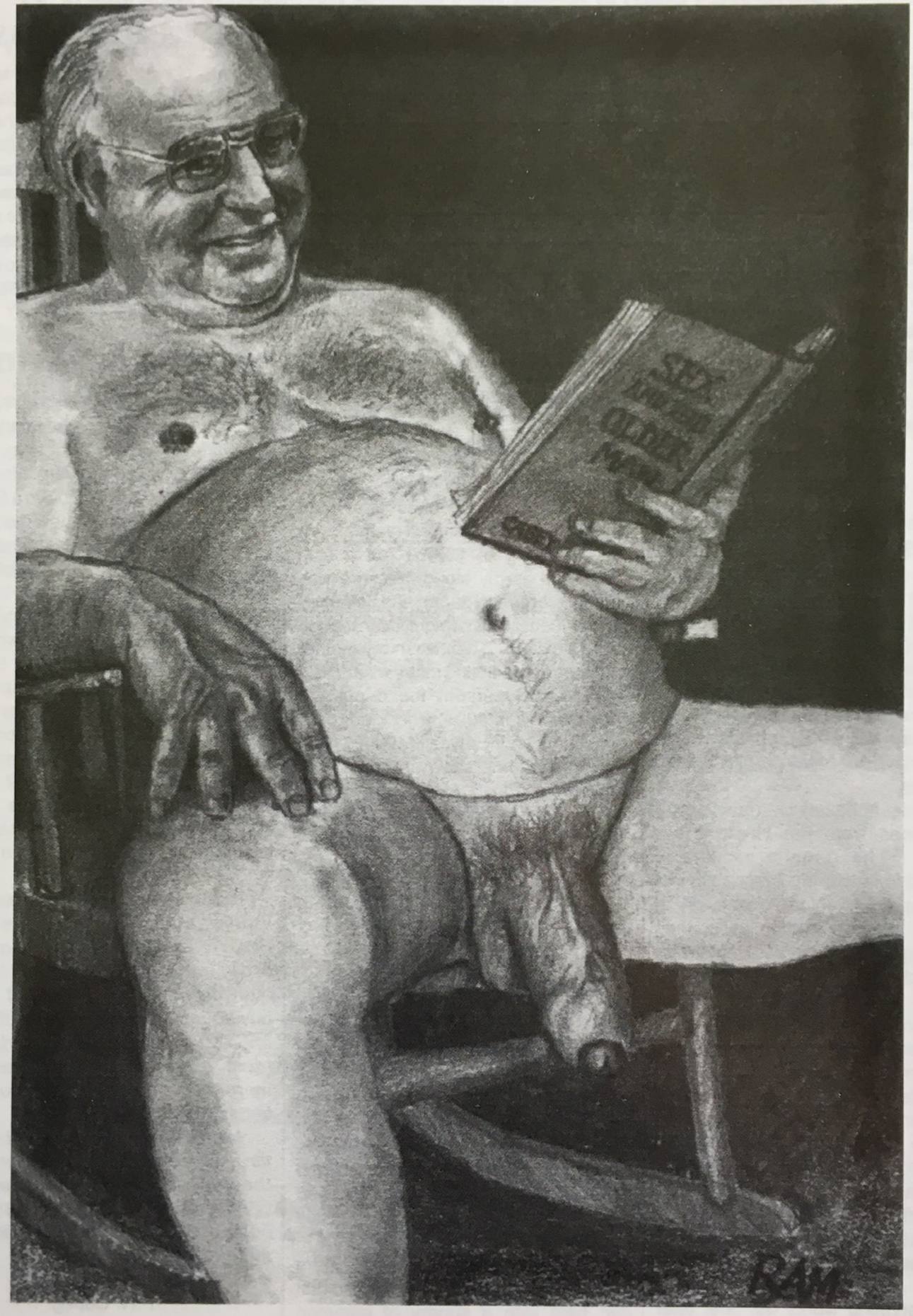

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